

GMYS January 30, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: MDC Kendall Campus

Committee Members in attendance: Laurie Hill, Wallace Glenn Kerrick, Melissa Lesniak, Dinora Casanova, Monica Ruiz, Odalis Pereira, Bernarda Colon and Jennifer Mendoza

Minutes of Meeting Taken By: Jennifer Mendoza

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Laurie Hill at 2:35 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the December 5, 2010 GMYS Executive Committee Meeting were previously circulated by Jennifer Mendoza via email to all Committee members on January 26, 2011. A Motion to approve the December 5, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes was made. The Motion was seconded, and the Minutes were approved.

B. Introductory Remarks Recapping Events of Past Month

1. **Holiday Gala Concerts** were well received. The amount of donations received at the Holiday Gala Concerts was not known. Playbill ad revenue was over \$4,000.
2. **MMP Collaboration** Ms. Hill circulated copies of an email dated January 17, 2011 from Dr. Lesniak to Anna Pietraszko of MMP and an email dated January 25, 2011 from Ms. Hill to Dr. Lesniak and Ms. Chen regarding a discussion with Stanley Cohen. Both documents provide extensive details on the reasons why GMYS has decided to not participate in the MMP March and May collaboration concerts. These concerts fall during FCAT testing, finals and participation involves unexcused school absences. Rehearsal periods are from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. All four South Florida orchestra groups have expressed the same opinion that having our students participate is not in the best interest of our children.
3. **Capacity Building** GMYS has been accepted into the Kennedy Center Capacity Building Program. GMYS is one of 65 arts organization from Miami-Dade.
4. **NWS Collaboration and Concerto Competition** Joshua Schwartz is the 2011 Concerto Competition Winner. Erica Ogihara was the runner up. 45% of the students selected for the New World Side-by-Side are GMYS students.
5. **Friends of UM** – Thirty-eight GMYS students participate in Frost MusicReach, a mentoring program with University of Miami music students. Each week, with the guidance of Arts for Learning, UM college music students meet with their GMYS

mentees to give them instruction on their instrument at the Frost School of Music at UM. On January 23, 2011, select GMYS mentees and their UM mentors performed for the UM Friends of Music.

6. CIA Event Ms. Hill attended a Citizens Interested in Arts event and accepted a grant award from this organization in the amount of \$1,500.

7. Cleveland Orchestra Collaboration Ms. Hill attended a meeting with Sandi MacDonald, Director of Outreach for the Cleveland Orchestra Miami Residency. GMYS was the only youth orchestra represented at the meeting. They are anxious to get involved in the community and are interested in working with our students developing master classes. Sandi MacDonald attended the December GMYS concert.

C. Treasurer's Report and Audit Recommendations Ms. Casanova circulated the Quarterly Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2010, Profit & Loss and Statement of Cash Flows October through December 2010, and the Budget October 2010 to September 2011.

There was a discussion on the donations received in the last quarter of 2010, and revenue generated through Playbill advertising and ticket sales for the holiday concerts.

Ms. Casanova stated that the auditors have recommended GMYS get an insurance policy for Board members dealing with funds. This is a standard recommendation. A Motion was made to accept the auditors' recommendation. The Motion was seconded and the insurance will be amended.

GMYS is in the process of sending in 4 grants. Two small (Miami Foundation and Miami Beach) grants and our two main large grants with the Children's Trust.

Ms. Hill signed the TD Bank documentation and gave it to Ms. Casanova with instructions to open a money market account.

Any specific questions relating to the financials can be emailed to Ms. Casanova.

D. New Business

1. Concerto Commission Ms. Chen has been approached by Tom Sleeper, Professor, Instrumental Performance and Program Director, Orchestral Activities, University of Miami who has offered to compose a violin concerto for Ms. Chen for a performance in 2012. The rights to the work, which would be performed by Ms. Chen

and the Symphony Orchestra, would cost \$10,000. GMYS has a gift of \$1,500 for this commission. Dr. Lesniak is seeking grants to help cover the rest, but GMYS may need to raise additional money. Dr. Kerrick stated that the Friends of Gusman received a \$100,000 to help non-profits with the rental of the Olympia Theatre at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts.

A Motion to approve the Ms. Chen – Tom Sleeper concert for 2012 was made. The Motion was second and all voted in favor. Dr. Kerrick suggested that the Friends of Gusman be contacted regarding holding the concert at the Olympia Theatre because of its beautiful facilities and capacity, and that the concert be a revenue generating event for GMYS through ticket sales.

Ms. Hill has met with Nestor Torres. Mr. Torres has composed a series of compositions inspired by 9/11 and the healing power of music. He will have a concert on November 11, 2011 at the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center and wants the Symphony Orchestra to accompany him. Scott Flavin, Resident Conductor for the Henry Mancini Institute at UM will also be participating. A documentary is also planned.

Ms. Hill stated that there is a possibility that next year's Spooky concert may be held at the New World Symphony's new facility.

2. Revising Board Structure Ms. Hill spoke about possibly revising the structure of the Board of Trustees to require Trustees to contribute money or raise money for the organization. The Kennedy Center Capacity Building Program can work with the GMYS Board members on matters relating to Board development. Dr. Kerrick presented extensive research on board structures of other non-profits, including those governed by a Board of Directors and membership non-profits where members meet each year and elect a Board of Directors.

It was suggested that more effort be made to recruit parents with diverse professional training and experience in various aspects of business management to the Board. It was also pointed out that board members do not have to be parents of students in GMYS, just members.

The need to get more parents involved was discussed especially with respect to providing the younger students with opportunities to perform at events like the Ft. Lauderdale Christmas boat parade. Ms. Pereira suggested that each conductor be asked to provide names for 4 involved parents and invite those parents to get more involved with the organization.

3. Candy Sales. Renee Myrtil has inquired as to the chocolate sales. Ms. Mendoza provided a summary of the results of last years' chocolate sales, the efforts involved and the end results. Due to the fact that not everyone will participate in this fundraiser and the Board opted to not pursue this fundraiser at this time.

4. Other There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Hill moved to close the meeting, someone seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

GMYS Board President

GMYS Board Secretary

Jennifer Mendoza
