

GMYS Parent Meeting Minutes, 5/1/11

Location: Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus

Executive Board Members in attendance: Laurie Hill, Wallace Glenn Kerrick, Dinora Casanova, Odalis Pereira, Monica Ruiz, Jennifer Mendoza

Parents present:

Parents with children in Young Mozarts: Reginald Joseph (also a Strings and CB parent)

Parents with children in Strings: Eduardo Albuquerque (also a CB parent)
Ena Huete
Tracey MacDonald
Lily Hui
Rebeca Gonzalez
Shirley Kwan
Kamala Ricknauth

Parents with children in Concert: Mayra Busse
Walter Busse
Dinora Casanova
Sooher Chae
Ena Huente
Marinella Siino

Parents with children in Concert Band: Alienne Louis Charles
Monica Ruiz
Olga Vela

Parents with children in Symphony: William Hill
Shang Lu
Jennifer Mendoza
Odalis Pereira

Parents with children in French horn classes: Jane Caruso

Minutes of Meeting Taken by: Jennifer Mendoza

(a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Hill at 2:35 p.m. as she welcomed all those present to the annual end of the year meeting.

Ms. Hill announced that Dr. Lesniak was at UM with representatives from Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs, which is reviewing GMYS' submission to its Youth Arts Miami

Grants program. Last year Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs awarded GMYS a \$75,000 grant through Youth Arts Miami.

(b) Adoption of the Minutes of the 5/2/10 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the 5/2/10 Annual Meeting were distributed. The parents were asked to review the Minutes. A Motion to approve the May 2, 2010 Annual Minutes was made by Dr. Kerrick. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Ruiz, and the Minutes were approved.

New Business:

The Children's Trust has released its grants award. GMYS was awarded the same amount as last year for its Summer Camps. The school year grant amount has increased. The money available for grant funding is tighter and the pool of applicants is greater. Dr. Lesniak has worked very hard to maintain relationships with the Children's Trust, the Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Council, Arts for Learning, the Alhambra Orchestra and the New World Symphony.

GMYS' present economic position is strong, but the organization's future is murky if it continues to rely primarily on grant awards. GMYS, represented by Dr. Lesniak, Ms. Chen and Ms. Hill are participating in a capacity building program offered by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. GMYS is one of 64 arts organizations in Miami Dade participating in the program, which requires a two year commitment. This two year program is offered free of charge but requires active participation in scheduled seminars and monthly webinars.

GMYS needs to fundraise through individual donors and increase exposure in the community beyond our parent group.

Ms. Hill has joined the Board of the Cleveland Orchestra.

GMYS has new office space at the Riviera Presbyterian Church in South Miami.

In the Fall of 2010, GMYS met with three other South Florida orchestras, the Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County, the Florida Youth Orchestra and the South Florida Youth Symphony have had discussions and may get together to apply for national grants.

GMYS participated in Fall for the Arts last year.

The Symphony Orchestra performed in Miami Beach at a 4th of July 2010 concert sponsored by Classical South Florida.

GMYS had a successful joint fundraising event with the Alhambra Orchestra at the Hard Rock Café at Bayside to raise funds for the October 24, 2010 Spooky Symphony concert at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts.

GMYS has commissioned a concerto from Tom Sleeper which may premier at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. GMYS has as a goal to provide travel experiences to our students, but the goal is to offer the best educational experience.

This year the Spooky Symphony concert with the Alhambra Orchestra may be at the Frank Gehry New World Center in Miami Beach.

Budget: Ms. Casanova went over the 2009-2010 budget, which was \$568,350 including \$80,000 of in kind contributions.

70% of GMYS' income comes from grants.

According to the By-Laws, a nominating committee, chaired by David Melero, was appointed in March to gather nominations of proposed Officers for each elected position for election at the Annual Parent Meeting. The Board of Trustees is also voted on each year at this meeting.

Election of Trustees and Officers

The 2011-12 Board of Directors Slate was circulated.

The 2011-2012 GMYS Board Nominees are:

President: Laurie Hill, Lawyer
Vice President: Dr. Walter Busse, Music Director, Carrollton School of The Sacred Heart
Treasurer: Dinora Casanova, Accountant
Recording Secretary: Jennifer Mendoza, Paralegal
Past President: Dr. Wallace Kerrick, UM Medical School Professor

Monica Ruiz will chair the Communications Committee, which puts together the GMYS newsletter.

Odalys Pereira will chair the Public Relations/Marketing Committee.

Bernarda Colon will chair the Fundraising Committee

Board of Directors:

Kelly Anderson Director of Artistic Administration for Florida Grand Opera's Young Artists Studio
Glenn Basham Violin Professor at UM Frost School of Music
Terry Bonelli MDCPS String Specialist
Rodester Brandon Director of Music, Dance, and Theatre at MDC Kendall
Bogdan Chruszcz Concert violinist, former concertmaster at Florida Philharmonic
Dr. Frederic Condi Former Principal at NWSA, now with MDCPS District Office
Ross Harbaugh Cello Professor at UM Frost School of Music
Helen Hauser Lawyer, member of Alhambra Orchestra
Paul Strassburg Violinist in Miami Symphony and Alhambra orchestras, son of the founder of GMYS
Jill Sharon White Attorney, son was with GMYS and now is at Julliard
Dr. Velia Yedra Concert Pianist, former Mayor of West Miami

The following long time Board of Directors have opted to step down from the Board and join a newly created Advisory Board:

Dr. William Hipp	Former Dean of UM Frost School of Music
Dr. Orlando Garcia	Director of FIU School of Music
Dr. Marlene Groomes	MDC Professor
Suzanne Floyd	MDCPS Music Teacher
Audrey Pilafian	Private studio cello teacher
Harry Pilafian	Arts supporter

The function of the Board of Directors is to raise money for the organization. The Board of Directors do not need to have ties to GMYS. They just need to want to help children and our community.

Vote on 2011-2012 GMYS Board

Dr. Kerrick made a motion to approve the slate. Mr. Shang Liu seconded the motion. The parents present voted in favor.

Snack sales

Ms. Hill stated that Bernarda Colon, who chairs the Fundraising Committee, has been managing the snack sales at MDC for the past few years. Parents were asked to volunteer to help sell the snacks on Sunday.

Parents were encouraged to enroll their children in the GMYS summer camps, as the students improve dramatically after attending these camps.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Hill moved to close the meeting, someone seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

GMYS Board President

GMYS Board Secretary
