

Guelph Youth Singers
Parent Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020
7 PM- 7:50 PM

GYS Vision: *Building choral excellence in our community.*

GYS Mission: *To develop the artistic soul and musical skills of children and youth through exposure to professional instructors, diverse repertoire and performance experiences; to instill in young singers a love of choral music, and a joy of singing and performing together; to provide the general public with enjoyable choral performances of the highest caliber.*

7:00 PM	Welcome and introductions [Heather Mair] Motion to approve 2020-2021 GYS Board of Directors (moved Karen Bewick, seconded Sheila O'Reilly)
7:15 PM	Financial Report/Auditor's report [Kumudinie Kariyapperuma] Motion to approve Treasurer's report (moved Kumudinie Kariyapperuma, seconded Lisa Blenkinsop) Motion to approve Auditor's for next season (moved Kumudinie Kariyapperuma, seconded Ben Hatfield)
7:30 PM	Season overview [Markus Howard]
7:50 PM	Operations/Admin Report [Heather Mair]
8:00 PM	Questions and Discussion
8:15 PM	Adjournment

<p>Welcome and introduction of 2020-2021 GYS Board of directors</p> <p>Heather Mair started the meeting with reading the GYS Vision and Mission. Heather welcomed and introduced board members. See table below for a list of Board members and GYS staff members.</p> <p>7 board members at a minimum – maximum 13. If you are interested in joining the board, we would be happy to have more members.</p> <p>Motion to Elect and slate the new board members for 2020-2021: Karen Bewick Seconded by: Sheila O’Reilly PASSED</p>	<p>Heather Mair</p>
<p>2019-2020 financial report</p> <p>Kumudinie Kariyapperuma presented the unaudited Financial Statement prepared by chartered accountants for year ending June 15, 2020. If you would like a copy of the Statement, please email Kumudinie Kariyapperuma or Heather Mair to request a copy.</p> <p>Motion to accept the unaudited Financial Statement for 2019-2020 : Kumudinie Kariyapperuma Seconded by: Lisa Blenkinsop PASSED</p>	<p>Kumudinie Kariyapperuma</p>
<p>2020-2021 Treasurer’s report</p> <p>Kumudinie Kariyapperuma reviewed the financial budget including the expenses and revenues for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 year. With special consideration to the altered format and anticipated modifications for this unique year because of Covid-19.</p> <p>Motion to have the chartered accountants <i>Clarke Starke and Diegel of Waterloo</i> to continue being our auditors for 2020-2021 and accept the 2020-2021 budget: Kumudinie Kariyapperuma Seconded by: Ben Hatfield PASSED</p>	<p>Kumudinie Kariyapperuma</p>
<p>Season Overview & Theory</p> <p>Some of the special programming might have shifted from the original plan, but alternates are being discovered. Markus continues to find new opportunities to deliver a rich and interactive experience for GYS members.</p>	<p>Markus Howard</p>

<p>Enhancements – successful grant from Guelph Community Foundation Special community based projects: Afro centric music and LGBTQ song writing experience for youth.</p>	
<p>Operations/Admin Report</p> <p>The executive team had a very busy summer implementing the new Covid-19 online experience. Implemented cost saving measures e.g. reduced staff hours, negotiated lower phone bill, returned photocopier. We are keeping the office atGYMC – to store music We have sub-letted the office toGYMC</p> <p>Postponed Lion King Jr. until next year 2021-2022 Hired Cathy Meggison (book keeper)</p> <p>Grant applications: 20-21 Guelph Community foundation grant (Covid-19 support) – video / marking City of Guelph Emergency Funds</p> <p>30th season areas of focus Online experience Improve communications with GYS families Online fundraising UoW organizational capacity study of GYS Collaboration with Guelph Chamber choir that is in their 40th season, Combining efforts – opportunity at Guelph Museum. How to celebrate and mark the 30th season.</p>	<p>Heather Mair</p>
<p>THANK YOU TO THE EXECUTIVE TEAM</p> <p>An extra big thank you goes out to Heather Mair, Kumudinie Kariyapperuma, Elisha Funk and Markus Howard for making the 2020-2021 a reality. IF anyone has fundraising ideas please send along to Bryan Stafford.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>Motion to Adjourn: Fiona Hatfield Seconded by: Sheila O'Reilly</p>	

*2020-2021 GYS Board of Directors and Staff

GYS Board of Directors		GYS Staff Members	
President	Heather Mair	Artistic Director & Conductor	Markus Howard
Vice-President	Vacant	Choir 1-2 Conductor	Marion Samuel-Stevens
Treasurer	Kumudinie Kariyapperuma	Choir Conductor	Bryan Stafford
Vice-Treasurer	Ben Hatfield	Accompanist	Ken Gee
Secretary	Elisha Funk	Bookkeeper	Cathy Meggison
Coordinator of Promotions	Vacant		
Coord. of Fundraising	Vacant		
Coord. of Tours	Vacant		
Member at large	Fiona Hatfield		
Member at large	Genny Barlow (youth rep)		
Member at large	Karen Bewick		
Member at large	Lisa Blenkinsop		
Member at large	Nick Wilker		
Member at large	Sheila O'Reilly (community rep)		
Member at large	Tina Hotton Mahony		