

2022 Annual General Meeting **(Minutes of the 74th Council Meeting)**

Date: 26 March 2022 (Saturday)

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Venue: Zoom meeting

Attendees: 40 members via zoom

23 proxies

President: Miss Chui Wai Shan, Anita

Secretary: Miss Chan Tsz Yan Janice
Miss Ching Ka Yin Flora

Minutes:

(1) To confirm the minutes of the last AGM held on 27 March 2021(Annex A)

Proposer of the resolution: Ms. Man Sze Wan
Seconder of the resolution: Ms. Cheung Siu Ping, Ms. Rosa Lai
Result: The resolution was passed unanimously.

(2) To approve the report of the President of the Council of the YWGSAAAL for 2021-2022 (Annex B)

Proposer of the resolution: Mr. Clive Lau
Seconder of the resolution: Ms. Cheung Siu Ping
Result: The resolution was passed unanimously.

2.1 Presidents' Remarks

The President briefed members that said that many activities are still in progress amid COVID-19. Some of them were carried out in the past year under strict precautionary measures, including giving out Bibles to S1 students, S6 Orientation and Thanksgiving Service. Other examples of school functions in which the AA assisted, are Movie Gala, Memorial Service for Ms Jenkins, AGM, Founder's Day Service, YWGSAA Charity Trust Fundtrustees' appointment and the other administrative matters.

2.2 The premier of 'To My 19-year-old Self'

'To My 19-year-old Self' has successfully debuted on 1/12/2021, at the Grand Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre. Our distinguished alumni and director Ms Mabel Cheung directed a documentary, in which the footsteps of 11 Ying Wa Girls are tracked for a decade.

With her masterpiece, the growth of the Ying Wa Girls, as well as the transformation of YW throughout the redevelopment years, are recorded. The AA is grateful for such an opportunity in assisting the Fundraising Movie Gala by means of the souvenir sales.

2.3 Suspension of school due to Covid-19

The AA expressed their heartfelt thanks to our principal Mr Francis Kwan, together with teachers and staff. Their continuous effort in the preparation of online lessons and materials for the students, have made great strides in their progress on remote learning.

2.4 Memorial service of Ms Jenkins

To express our condolences to the death of Ms Jenkins on 12/9/2021, flower baskets have been sent to her funeral in the UK. The AA collaborated with our school to hold a memorial service on 17/10/2021 at the Sicocks Hall. It was considered as a last tribute to her, in which many of her former students and colleagues participated.

2.5 Newsletter and Overseas Alumnae Newsletter

Since the last AGM, 2 issues of the AA newsletter have been published and sent to members by post and by email. For the Oct 2021 issue, the director Ms Mabel Cheung and the producer Ms Wong Wai of the movie are featured. On the other hand, the Movie Gala held on 1 Dec 2021 is reported in the spring issue (March 2022). The sports day which had been suspended for 2 years due to Covid-19, is issued on the same issue as well. Around 1800 copies of the newsletters have been distributed.

Besides, to report the news and activities of overseas alumnae groups, 2 issues of overseas have been published and posted on the AA website over the year. The headlines of the 13th edition (Oct 2021) and the 14th edition (Mar 2022), were the obituary and memories of Ms Jenkins and the sharing of alumni of different countries respectively.

2.6 Website and other media of the AA

A new template of the AA website has been launched for easy access on mobile phones.

There have been ongoing updates on the AA Facebook page with regard to the activities held ; while the Instagram account of the AA (@ywgsaa) is updated non-regularly serving similar purposes. The alumni are encouraged to connect or reconnect with one another with the use of these platforms.

2.7 The Caring Team

Motivated by the aim of providing mutual support and strengthening the bonding among alumni and teaching staff, the Caring Team has sent get-well messages to the previous teachers of the school. They also maintained close contact with some overseas alumni, former-teachers, and former-principals in the course of the year.

On the celebration of the 101st birthday of our former vice principal, Ms Kwan Yeuk Laan, a bunch of flowers and a birthday card have been sent to her.

To express gratitude to our serving teachers, the AA committee members have made a small donation, for treating them with cakes and cookies in April 2021, as well as mooncakes at the Mid-Autumn Festival in September 2021. The committee will make use of the remaining amount of donation for their future treats, upon the resumption of face-to-face lessons.

2.8 Alumnae Database and Membership

The database is updated regularly, for the purpose of facilitating the communication between the AA and our fellow students, as well as keeping the latest information of our alumni. By Feb 2021, the alumnae database contained around 6500 member records. In the last AA meeting, it was adopted that the membership fee would be free of charge.

By emailing alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk, alumni are encouraged to update their contact information, renew their membership and opt for e-newsletters.

2.9 Overseas Chapters

The AA was very pleased to have committed contact persons to reunite the YW community in Toronto, Vancouver, South and North California, Boston, London, Sydney and Melbourne.

Their continuous effort on supporting the Alumnae Newsletter by contributing articles about their latest news, has highlighted the strength of the tight-knit YW community in spite of their physical distance.

2.10 Interest groups

A variety of Interest groups have bloomed, such as the AA Choir and the Outing Group. Due to the fluctuating pandemic, AA Choir participated in the Memorial Service of Ms Jenkins as the only event of the year.

Yet, in spite of the uncertainties arising from the pandemic, the outing group keeps diligently searching for routes and sceneries, which are often undiscovered and nestled among the urban arteries. Trips to these are scheduled to be arranged when the pandemic gets settled.

2.11 School Archives Collection

The Archives Team are safekeeping school archives and the collection items of historical values.

They are currently working intensively on the setting up of the Archival Repository in the new campus.

2.12 Mentorship Programme

The participants are mainly S4-5 students, with 45 of them from S4 and the rest from S5. The Orientation and the Career's Expo had been held on 13/11/2021 and 15/01/2022 respectively, with the latter held on zoom. The tea gathering is scheduled for 25/6/2022, hopefully with face-to-face mode.

2.13 Movie Gala Souvenirs Sale

In support of the movie gala, an online souvenirs sale has taken place with pleasing responses.

Most orders have been picked up either from the Movie Gala front desk or delivered to the alumni by courier. There are a few orders to be collected from the school office.

2.14 Trust Fund

The enlisted are appointed as the trustees of the CTF for the coming 2 year period, commencing on 01/06/2021:

Dr. Wan Charn Wing Frank
Ms. Lui Wing Yee
Ms. Chung Wai Chi Janet
Ms. Yu Kit Man Kanus
Ms. Lee Suet Yee Jessica

Ms. Cheung Siu Ping
Ms. Chui Wai Shan Anita

The AA also showed appreciation to retirees, namely Dr. Huen Kwai Fun, Ms. Leung Man Ping Priscilla and Ms. Ching Tak Ying Kitty, for funding support to the school over the past year.

2.15 Vote of Thanks

The AA president delivered her vote of thanks sincerely, to the school principal and the vice principals, advisors, teachers and staff, AA council members, year coordinators and the Alumnae Assistants.

- (3) To adopt the accounts of the YWGSAAL from 1 Jan 2021 to 31 December 2021 and the related Auditor's report (Annex C).

3.1 Ms. Anita Chui briefed members on the statement of profit or loss of the association for 2021. No question was raised.

Proposer of the resolution: Ms. Moo Suet Ching
Secunder of the resolution: Ms. Kanus Yue
Result: The resolution was passed unanimously.

3.2 Ms. Anita Chui briefed members on the statement of financial position of the association for 2021. No question was raised.

Proposer of the resolution: Ms. Flora Ching
Secunder of the resolution: Ms. Alice Man
Result: The resolution was passed unanimously.

- (4) To approve the appointment of Eric H.L. Chung & Co. Certified Public Accountants as the auditor of the YWGSAAL from the conclusion of this AGM until the conclusion of the next AGM.

Proposer of the resolution: Ms. Cheung Siu Ping
Secunder of the resolution: Ms. Penny Ho
Result: The resolution was passed unanimously.

(5) School News

5.1 Mr Kwan reviewed the activities during 2021-22, including overseas gathering via zoom, face-to-face school year opening ceremony in 21-22, Ms Jenkins' memorial services and the ongoing progress of the 1926 heritage block project.

New activities upheld include the lacrosse team, string orchestra, rock climbing for students, while the STEM room and Math room were established.

Since the special vacation from 7/3/2022, a new PE scheme Let's Workout Together has been launched via online means to promote a healthy lifestyle during the summer holiday. A total of 63 group-applications were received.

It is prayed that the school as covid testing sentence, the HKDSE exam, final works for 1926 heritage block, fundings for school maintenance, the redevelopment project, quality education without charging school fees and the well-being of students, teachers, alumni and their families will be blessed.

(6) Any Other Business

There was no A.O.B.

Signature

Signature

Chui Wai Shan, Anita

President

Date:

Ching Ka Yin Flora

Secretary

Date: