



YWGSAA General Meeting 2022

Annex B

President's Report

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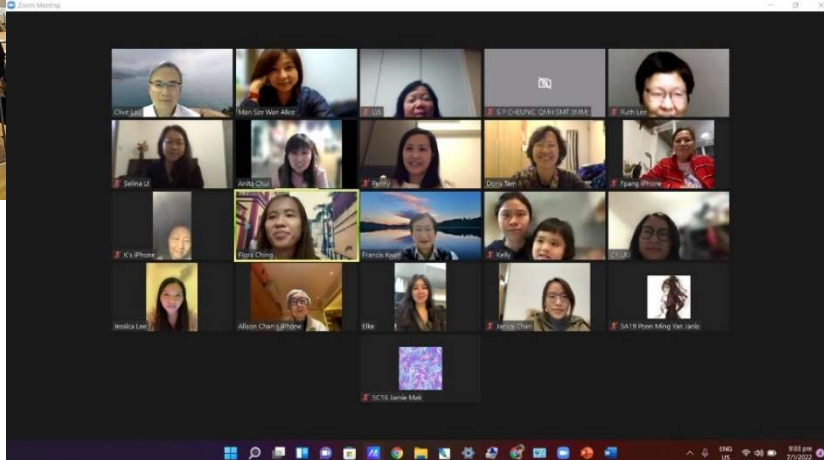
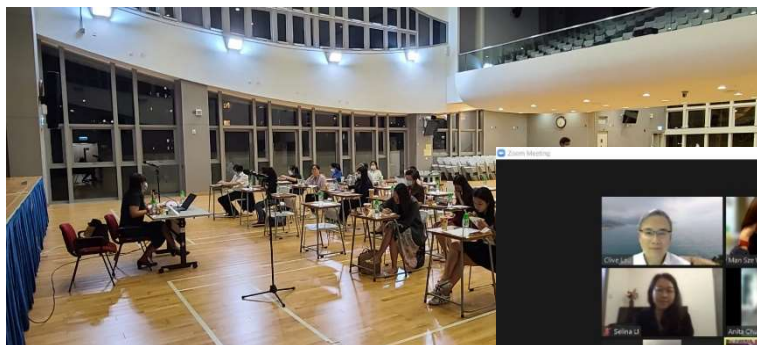
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Council Meetings (2021~2022)

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alumnae Association (AA) have convened two face-to-face and one zoom Council meetings since the last AGM held on 27 March 2021. The precautionary measures such as social distancing and mask wearing did not diminish our eagerness to encourage one another and to develop plans to promote AA activities. The meetings mainly focused on cooperating and assisting school

functions like Movie Gala and Memorial Service for Miss Jenkins, AGM, Founder's Day service, YWGSAA Charity Trust Fund trustees' appointment and other administrative matters.

Above and middle:
Council meeting in 2021
Right: Zoom Council meeting in 2022



We are honoured to have Mr. Francis KWAN, the School Principal, serving as the Designated Honorary Adviser of the Council and four respectable alumnae, namely Dr. Alison LAM, Mrs. Katherine CHAU, Ms. CHAN Kwok Ying and Mrs. Ruth LEE, serving as our Honorary Advisers. Alumnae assistants were also invited to join our Council meetings.

Interaction with YWGS

1. Bible Giving

At the beginning of the school year, the AA sent each S1 student a Bible as a welcoming gift. The names of the students were hand-written by Council members to add a personal touch.



2. S6 Orientation

The S6 orientation was successfully carried out on the Speech Day on 6 July 2021. Together with three Council members, the President introduced the AA to graduating classes. Packed cookies, specially designed small cloth bags and folders were gifts to welcome our new members.



3. Movie-Gala – "To My 19-year-old Self"

"To My 19-year-old Self" were premiered for the first time on December 1, 2021 at the Grand Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre. Following 11 Ying Wa girls for a decade, our renowned alumni and director Ms. Mabel Cheung directed a documentary that recorded the growth of the girls, as well as the transformation of Ying Wa throughout the redevelopment years. We were glad to have an opportunity to assist the Fundraising

Movie Gala by designing and selling souvenirs.

 Ying Wa Girls' School
Fundraising Movie Gala 2021

1 Dec 2021 WED
Hong Kong Cultural Centre
Grand Theatre

To My
19-year-old
Self



4. Suspension of

Face-to-face Classes Due to Covid-19



In-person classes and in-school activities have been halted due to the severe coronavirus outbreak. On behalf of the AA, we would like to extend our warmest thanks to our principal, Mr. Francis KWAN, all teachers and staff for their hard work in preparing online lessons and materials for students to keep up with their learning at home.

5. Memorial Service of Miss Jenkins



It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we received the news of the death of our beloved Principal, Miss Jenkins on 12 September, 2021 in Kent, UK. To express our condolences, flower baskets were sent to the funeral in the UK. In collaboration with the School, a Memorial Service was held on 17 October, 2021 at Silcocks Hall to

pay our last tribute to our well-respected former principal. Miss Jenkins will be forever missed and remembered as our great model who followed in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.



Liaison

6. Newsletters

Two issues of the Alumnae Newsletter have been published and sent to members by post and by email since the last AGM. The October 2021 issue featured an interview with the director, Miss Mabel Cheung, and the producer, Miss Wong Wai, of the movie. The spring issue (March 2022) reported the Movie Gala held on 1 December 2021 and the Sports day, which had been suspended for 2 years due to Covid-19. Approximately 1800 hard copies of the newsletters were distributed.



Two issues of the Overseas Alumnae Newsletter have also been published and posted on the AA website over this year to report the news and activities of overseas alumnae groups. The headlines of the 13th edition (October 2021) and 14th edition (March 2022) were the obituary and memories of Miss Jenkins, and the sharing of alumnae from different countries.



Background



Our association was founded in 1922 by Miss M.M. Hogben, the Principal serving Ying Wa from 1920 to 1925. On 1 March 2006, it was incorporated as a limited company.

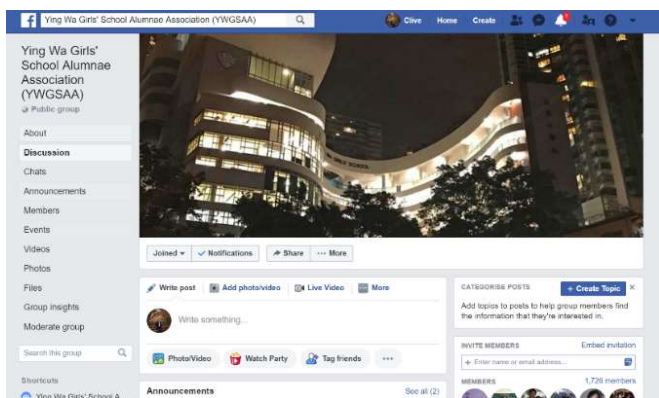
7. Homepage

Since the launch of the new AA mobile-friendly homepage on 29 August 2018, most of the original content has been migrated to the new domain. The update and maintenance is supported by an AA Management Team comprised of school staff, alumnae and Council members.

8. Facebook Group and Instagram

The "Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association" Facebook Group has been put in place to share news and activities of graduates. Alumnae, students and

parents, teachers, school staff and honorary members recommended by the AA Council are welcome to join the Group and share their messages. To improve the management of the page, some rules were set for members' reference.





An Instagram account (@ywgsaa) is also created for posting AA updates.

Due to COVID-19, most activities requiring physical presence have been cancelled. A special working group has been set up to explore the possibilities of organizing online talks and activities on Facebook or Instagram to promote interaction among us.

9. Caring Team



The Caring Team aims to provide mutual support and strengthen our bonding with alumnae and teaching staff. During the year, we maintained close contact with some overseas alumnae, former school teachers and former principals.

A bouquet of flowers and a birthday card were sent to our former Vice-Principal, Mrs. KWAN Yeuk Laan, in August 2021, to celebrate her 101st birthday.



To express our gratitude to serving teachers, AA committee members have made a small donation to treat them cakes and cookies in April 2021, and Mooncakes at Mid-autumn Festival in September 2021. The remaining amount of donation would be used for future treats when face-to-face lessons resume.



10. Alumnae Database & Membership

The database, regularly updated, aims to keep the latest information of our alumnae and facilitate communication between the AA and our fellow students. By February 2021, the alumnae database contained about 6 500 member records. A new membership fee of \$zero was adopted in last General Meeting held on 27 March 2021. Alumnae are encouraged to email alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk to update their contact information, to renew their membership and opt for e-newsletters.

11. Overseas Chapters

The Council is pleased to connect with various overseas chapters spread around the world. We feel indebted to the committed contact persons for their



efforts to reunite the YW community in Toronto, Vancouver, Southern & Northern California, Boston, London, Sydney and Melbourne. They continue to support the overseas edition of the Alumnae Newsletter by contributing articles about their latest

news, which remind us that our hearts are tied despite our physical distance.

Last but not least, overseas chapters welcome visits from teachers, alumnae, and students who migrate or study abroad. For more information, please email at alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk.

Interest Groups

12. Alumnae Choir



Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Choir practices have been suspended since early 2020.

The only event was the memorial service of Miss Jenkins held on 17 October 2021. Around 12

choir members attended the service.



13. Outing Group

Although no outing activities were arranged this year, the Outing Group would continue to search for routes and overlooked scenic pockets nestled among the urban arteries so that wonderful trips could be arranged in due course. Some of these spots are iconic spectacles. Others are located in quiet, remote strips. Let's get a glimpse of what to expect for our next trips.

Kowloon Reservoir



View from Mt. Butler



Lee Yue Mun - the only remaining untouched coast line in HK



A boundary stone in Tai Tam



Projects

14. School Archives Collection

The Archives Team works hard on the safekeeping of school archives and collection items of historical values. We are currently working intensively on the setting up of the Archival Repository in the new campus.

15. Mentorship Programme

Recruitment of mentees was carried out in September 2021. Most of our experienced mentors remained in service this year. There were 45 students, primarily S4, enrolled in the programme.

An orientation was organized on 13 November 2021 at Silcocks Hall. The Careers Expo, originally set on 15 January 2021, was changed to a virtual gathering via Zoom. A tea gathering is scheduled on June 25, 2022.

16. Movie Gala Souvenirs Sale

To support the Movie Gala – “To my 19-year-old Self”, an online souvenirs sale was made and received pleasing responses. Most orders were picked up at the Movie Gala front desk or delivered to alumnae by courier. A few orders were to be fetched from the school office.



YWGSAA Ltd. Charity Trust Fund

We are grateful to have

- Dr. WAN Charn Wing Frank
- Ms. CHUNG Wai Chi, Janet
- Ms. YU Kit Man Kanus
- Ms. LUI Wing Yee
- Ms. CHUI Wai Shan Anita
- Ms. CHEUNG Siu Ping
- Ms. LEE Suet Yee Jessica

serving as Trustees of the CTF for a 2-year period commencing on 1 June 2021.

And I would like to express my sincere gratitude to retired members, Dr. HUEN Kwai Fun, Ms. LEUNG Man Ping Priscilla and Ms. CHING Tak Ying Kitty. We deeply appreciate their continuous efforts and funding support to the School over the past year.

Acknowledgements

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Principal and other advisors, Vice-Principals, teachers and school staff, Council members, year coordinators and alumnae assistants who have dedicated their time and efforts over the past year. With their assistance and hard work, the operation of the AA proceeded smoothly and efficiently. I would also like to thank every alumna who has given us continuous support by giving valuable views, participating in the alumnae functions and contributing in many other meaningful ways.

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