# Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes
# February 24, 2016 – 9:45AM
# Lawrenceville Church of God
# 329 Grayson Highway, Lawrenceville, GA

**Welcome and Opening – President, *Mary Ann McTier***

Mary Ann McTier called the meeting to order at 9:47AM.

To open the meeting, Catchy Thacker performed a selection from *Andalucia* by Ernest Lecuona.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President – *Mary Ann McTier***

MaryAnn reminded members about the UGA Symposium to be held on Saturday, March 27th from 10-5 with featured speaker Jane Magrath as well as the MTNA National Conference to be held April 2-6 in San Antonio. She also thanked everyone who helped at Local Auditions last weekend and said that senior certificates are now available.

**Vice-President – Eva Bone**

Eva announced that today's speaker will be Natalie Hardy on using an iPad in the music studio and that next month's meeting will be the March master class with David Watkins as clinician. We will start the meeting promptly at 9:45AM and all latecomers will be required to enter between performances.

**Reading/Approval of Minutes – *Secretary, Pam Asberry***

The minutes from the January meeting will be approved at the March meeting.

Pam reminded everyone present to sign the attendance sheet.

**Treasurer's Report – *Gloria Park***

The treasurer's report was approved as emailed.

**Committee Reports:**

***Advisory Committee – Eva Bone***

Eva stated that there will be a meeting of the advisory committee on March 23rd prior to the regular meeting.

***Anti-Trust – Cathy Thacker***

No report.

***Certification – Robin Engleman***

No report.

***Directory/Handbook – Julie Smith***

No report.

***Ensemble Extravaganza Concert – Pam Asberry***

Pam said the registration deadline for the April 30th event is March 23rd. Details are available on the website.

***Federated Festivals – Nora Martin***

***West – Susan Andrews***

Susan said there were 281 events in the West Gwinnett Federated Festival on February 13th. There were 269 Superior, 11 Excellent, and 1 Satisfactory rating awarded. 26 students are scheduled to play in other festivals. Scholarship winners will be listed in the March newsletter.

***Central –Nora Martin***

Nora requested that there be no more requests for schedule changes after Friday.

***North –Judy Harper***

Judy said there were 200 students representing 15 teachers performing in three events on Feburary 13th. There were 192 Superior and 7 Excellent ratings awarded; one student played for comments only. Scholarship winners will be listed in the March newsletter.

***Fry's Performance Day – Lois Simon***

No reort.

***Music Day – Brooke Dunn***

Brooke said Music Day 2016 is officially on the calendar for Saturday, November 12. It will be held at First Baptist Church Duluth. Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters.

***GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann***

Jean sent word that there were 42 students representing 15 teachers performing last Saturday. All of the students took the theory test and did well. 36 students were chosen to compete at regional auditions Brenau University in Gainesville on March 19. Trophies for the winners will be ready for pick up on March 5 at Both Awards. Jean said that all participating teachers were wonderful and worked so hard all day and said special thanks to Kathy Dawal, Cathy Thacker, Robin Whitworth, Pam Asberry and Rie Hosoi who worked all day.

The Audition for 2017 will be Feb. 18, 2017 at Piano Works

***GMTA/GATE Theory – Debbie Murphy***

No report.

***Hospitality – Tina Darden***

Tina thanked Deb Hughes for help with today's setup and Sarah from Music and Arts for providing refreshments and reminded everyone that teachers can receive a 30% discount at Music & Arts today.

***Junior/Senior Scholarship – Yumi Patterson***

Yumi sent word that Jr/Sr Scholarship competition will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 9 AM. 8 piano students and 1 voice student will perform at Berean Baptist Church Sanctuary. David Watkins will be our judge.

***Membership – Deb Hughes***

Deb extended congratulations to new members who have been getting involved in GCMTA events and thanked all the mentors who have helped our newcomers feel welcome and able to jump on board with the programs that we offer. She said that new members are able to join at any time; she has two sizes of invitations - rack cards & calling card - that members can use to inform and invite prospective music teachers to join our group.

***MTNA Foundation Awards – Deb Brady***

No report.

***Newsletter – Natalie Hardy/Judy Harper***

Natalie Hardy announced that the deadline for the March newsletter is March1st. Contributions should be emailed to gcmtamail@gmail.com and should be sent in a Word document, not in the body of an email.

***Placement – Chris Morrow***

Chris sent said she has had intermittent inquiries throughout the year for lessons, mostly in the Loganville area. Teacher information was given out according to the student's zip code, pulled from the Directory.

***Publicity – Pam Asberry***

Pam invited members to "like" our Facebook page and join our Facebook group.

***Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker***

Cathy said that nominations for the 2016 Teacher of the Year have closed. Please attend the May meeting to find out this year's recipient!

***Venue – Rebecca Bonam***

No report.

***Website – Kathy Dawal***

No report.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Good of the Order – Announcements**

Mary Ann McTier shared six benefits of piano instruction.

**Adjourn**

Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 10:20AM.

**Program**

Natalie Hardy: *Using an iPad in the Music Studio*

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Deb Brady, Chris Morrow, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Brooke Dunn, Lois Simon, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Judy Harper, Ruth Mantooth, Kathy Stanley, Abbe Burkholder, Ashlee Cave, Anna Herrington, Lisa Bong