**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**February 22, 2017– 9:45 AM**

**Lawrenceville Church of God**

**Lawrenceville, GA**

**Welcome and Opening –**

**President, *Mary Ann McTier***

 Mary Ann McTier called the meeting to order at 9:56 AM.

**Officer’s Reports:**

**President, *Mary Ann McTier***

Mary Ann thanked the Lawrenceville Music & Arts for today’s refreshments and thanked everyone who helped with Local Auditions last weekend. She welcomed guest Eunice Chung to the meeting. She reminded everyone about the upcoming MTNA conference to be held in Baltimore, Maryland March 17-22.

**Vice-President*, Eva Bone***

Mary Ann McTier reminded everyone that our annual master class will be held March 29th . Nancy Elton will be our clinician. She said that the master class will begin promptly at 9:45AM and asked everyone to arrive early. Please watch the March newsletter for further details.

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

 The minutes from the January meeting were approved as emailed.

**Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer, *Gloria Park***

 The treasurer’s report was approved as emailed.

**Committee Reports:**

***Advisory Committee – Eva Bone***

No report.

***Anti-Trust – Cathy Thacker***

 No report.

***Certification – Robin Engleman***

 No report.

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

No report.

***Federated Festivals – Nora Martin***

 ***West – Susan Andrews***

 ***Central – Nora Martin***

Nora reminded everyone that West and Central District Festivals will be held this coming Saturday, February 25th, and asked that teachers request changes only in case of emergency.

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 ***North – Judy Harper***

Judy said there will be a full report on North District results in the March newsletter.

***GCMTA Performance Day – Lois Simon***

 No report.

***GCMTA Music Day – Brooke Dunn***

Brooke said that Music Day will be held on November 11, 2017.

***GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann***

Jean said that 28 Gwinnett County students will go to Regional Auditions in Gainesville, Georgia. She encouraged more teachers to consider entering students in the future. She thanked the twelve teachers who worked so hard to make Local Auditions a fun and enjoyable event for the students. She said she will send an email to teachers when trophies are ready. They can be picked up at Both Awards or at the March meeting. Next year’s event is tentatively scheduled for February 17th at PianoWorks.

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

Debbie said that everything ran smoothly at Local Auditions on Saturday.

***Hospitality – Tina Darden***

 Tina reminded everyone to be on time for next month’s Master Class.

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

The event is scheduled at PianoWorks on Saturday, March 11th starting at 9AM. The deadline for registration has passed. There are 11 piano students and 1 voice student registered.

***Membership – Deb Hughes***

 Deb said she has rack cards available and asked teachers to let her know if they need a mentor or wish to be a mentor.

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

 No report.

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

Natalie said the deadline for the March newsletter is March 1st. Contributions should be emailed to gcmtamail@gmail.com and should be sent in a Word document, not in the body of an email.

***Nominating –***

 The nominating committee presented nominations for the 2017-2019 slate of officers as follows: President, Eva Bone; Vice-President, Pam Asberry; Secretary, Chris Morrow; Treasurer, Gloria Park. A vote will take place at the March meeting.

***Placement – Chris Morrow***

No report.

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***Publicity – Pam Asberry***

 No report.

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

No report.

***Venue – Rebecca Bonam***

 No report.

***Website – Kathy Dawal***

 No report.

**Unfinished Business**

Mary Ann said the chapter is still pursuing plans to purchase a projector and screen.

**New Business**

 The advisory committee approved the decision to purchase additional event signs. Now most committee chairpersons will have two signs of their own to post at events.

**Good of the Order – Announcements**

 Jane Magrath will present a master class and seminar on March 14th for the NFMTA.

 Mary Ann said there are freebies for the taking on the table and shared a humorous summary of composer’s lives in emojis.

**Adjourn**

 Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 10:25AM.

**Program**

*Stephen Heller* by Kristi Helfen.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Ann McTier, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Debby Brady, Chris Morrow, Tina Darden, Brooke Dunn, Debbie Murphy, Judy Harper, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Jean Mann, Yumi Patterson, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Stephanie Freeman, Eunice Chung, Lisa Bonb, Nancy Eckert