**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**March 29, 2017–9:45 AM**

**Lawrenceville Church of God**

**Lawrenceville, GA**

**Program**

Master Class presented by Dr. Nancy Elton.

**Welcome and Opening –**

**President, *Mary Ann McTier***

 Mary Ann McTier called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM.

**Officer’s Reports:**

**President, *Mary Ann McTier***

Mary Ann thanked the Lawrenceville Music & Arts for today’s refreshments, Dr. Nancy Elton for teaching our master class as well as the students and teachers who participated. Members were invited to sign a get-well card for Stacy Walker. Mary Ann said that a list of tips gathered from members who attended the MTNA national conference in Baltimore, Maryland March 17-22 will be available on the MTNA website.

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

Mary Ann McTier said there will be no regular meeting in April; instead, there will be a meeting of the executive board. She also invited members to attend our annual luncheon in May catered by Bambinelli’s at which time the newly elected officers will be installed.

**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.

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***Federated Festivals – Nora Martin***

Mary Ann McTier said to check the newsletter for a full report on this year’s festival.

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

 Lois said there might be a change of venue for next year’s event.

***GCMTA Music Day – Brooke Dunn***

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

***GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann***

Jean said that 12 piano students in grades four through eleven representing seven teachers won at regional competitions and will compete at the state level at the University of Georgia on April 15th as follows:

4th grade – Abigail Marley (student of Jean Mann)

5th grade – Emily Song (student of Min-Jung Jin)

7th grade – Catherine Gemmell (student of Jean Mann), Daniel Kim (student of Jean Mann), Dahyun Hong (student of Yoonmi Choi)

8th grade – Jocelyn Lee (student of Yoonmi Choi), Tina Le (student of Cathy Thacker)

10th grade – Matthew Tzou (student of Kathy Dawal), Sohye Park (student of Yoonmi Choi), Lauren Lin (student of Junghee Lee)

11th grade – Nayu Kim (student of Rie Hosoi), Beverly Sylvester (student of Junghee Lee)

 Jean said we have a lot of great teachers in our group and could be sending more of our students to state and encouraged teachers to consider entering their best students in next year’s event.

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

Debbie said that test results will be available May 1st. Expenses for theory tests will be reimbursed by the state organization.

***Hospitality – Tina Darden***

 No report.

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

Yumi said that the event was held at PianoWorks Recital Hall in Duluth on March 11, 2017. Eleven piano students and one voice student representing seven teachers performed. It was an open audition with an audience adjucated by Mr. David Watkins. Winners were as follows:

First Place ($800) – Jesse Cook (student of Yumi Patterson

Second Place ($600) – Michael Roman (student of Joanna Kim)

Third Place ($400) – Jenny (student of Joanna Kim)

Fourth Place ($200) – Rebekah Sims (student of Debbie Murphy)

Honorable Mentions:

Maggie Simmons (student of Yumi Patterson), Riley Hinson (student of Deb Hughes), Natalie Dutton (student of Lisa Gaal)

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***Membership – Deb Hughes***

 Deb said she has rack cards available and presented a gift to Robin Engleman who brought a guest to the meeting.

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

 No report.

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

Natalie said there will be no April newsletter; the deadline for the May newsletter is May 1st. As there will be no newsletter again until fall, summer events should be included in the May newsletter. 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***

No report.

***Publicity – Pam Asberry***

 No report.

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

Cathy thanked everyone for the many wonderful entries submitted this year. The committee will review all submissions, make its decision, and the 2017 Teacher of the Year will be announced at the May meeting. Stay tuned for the big announcement.

 The purpose of the GCMTA Teacher of the Year Award is to encourage and reward excellence and effectiveness in teaching as well as to give honor and recognition of continuing high quality service done for the good of GCMTA. One GCMTA Teacher of the Year Award will be given annually to a GCMTA member. Start thinking now about whom you might nominate in 2018.

***Venue – Rebecca Bonam***

 No report.

***Website – Kathy Dawal***

 No report.

**Unfinished Business**

Susan Andrews moved that the slate of officers be approved as nominated. Cathy Thacker seconded the motion. The motion was approved and new officers will be installed at the May meeting as follows:

 President: Eva Bone

 President-Elect: Pam Asberry

 Secretary: Chris Morrow

 Treasurer: Gloria Park

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**New Business**

 Abby from the Georgia Musicale Group invited members to consider becoming a part of the group founded by Utako Tanigawa with opportunities to perform in home musicales as well as concerts at local venues.

**Good of the Order – Announcements**

Cathy Thacker said that David Watkins will present a solo piano recital on Saturday at 6PM at the Steinway Gallery in Alpharetta.

 Mary Ann McTier said that senior certificates will be available after April 8th.

**Adjourn**

 Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 11:42AM.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Chris Morrow, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Brooke Dunn, Debbie Murphy, Lois Simon, Susan Andrews, Jean Mann, Yumi Patterson, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Stephanie Freeman, Lisa Bong, Nancy Eckert, Junghee Lee, Ginger Tankersley, Abbie Hattaver, Okiana Doemland, Lovenia Greer, Candice Wiginton, Arlene Alvarado