**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**April 27, 2016 – 10:00AM**

**1400 Dogwood Road, Snellville, GA**

**Welcome and Opening –**

**President, *Mary Ann McTier***

 Mary Ann McTier called the meeting to order at 10:07AM.

**Officer’s Reports:**

**President, *Mary Ann McTier***

Mary Ann passed along Kathy Dawal’s instructions regarding sending a GCMTA group email using MailChimp. She reminded committee members to provide secretary Pam Asberry with written copies of their reports and said that she has senior certificates available for all who need them.

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

Eva announced that the next meeting will be the annual luncheon on May 18th at the 1123 House, 1123 Dogwood Road, Snellville. Food will come from Bambinelli’s.

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

 The minutes from the March meeting were approved as corrected.

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

 Gloria presented the proposed budget for 2016-2017 and said it would be voted upon at the end of the meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

***Advisory Committee – Eva Bone***

Eva said there is a conflict between Kathy Dawal serving on the executive board while holding a paid position maintaining the website. She proposed that Kathy be removed from the executive board and be put under contract and that website chair no longer be a committee position but a paid position. Julie Smith volunteered to serve as website liaison.

***Anti-Trust – Cathy Thacker***

 No report.

***Certification – Robin Engleman***

 No report.

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

 Julie reported there is much duplication between the directory and website and suggested streamlining both, with the directory containing only teacher information and the website containing information about events, registration forms, etc.

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

Since only four teachers registered students for this year’s event, Pam asked whether or not the organization should continue to host this event. She moved that GCMTA table the EEC for one year and form a committee to discuss future possibilities. Cathy Thacker seconded and the motion carried.

***Federated Festivals – Nora Martin***

Nora said that the new bulletins are available for pre-order. The cost is $10 plus shipping. She also said that efforts to enter our historical data has been put on hold due to problems with the system. Small group training will be offered next year.

 ***West – Susan Andrews***

Susan said there were 307 entrants in the 2016 West Federated Festival and 492 received Superior ratings. Three piano scholarships totaling $1000 and woodwind and voice scholarships in the amount of $100 each were awarded. The 2017 Federated Festival will be held at Berean Baptist Church on February 25, 2017. The judges who have been secured so far are David Watkins, Misty Simmons, Portia Hawkins, Jane Lester, and Marcena Kinney.

 ***Central –Nora Martin***

Nora said a full report on the 2016 Central Federated Festival will appear in the May newsletter.

 ***North –Judy Harper***

No report.

***GCMTA Music Day – Brooke Dunn***

 Brooke said that next year’s event will be held on 11/12/2016 at First Baptist Church of Duluth. Registration will close on 10/7 and checks must be postmarked by 10/11. It was proposed that competitions for Musical Theater and Piano Ensemble be added to the Music Day events.

***GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann***

Jean said the GMTA Local Auditions were held February 20, 2016 at PianoWorks in Duluth. There were 42 entries representing 17 teachers. 36 OP winners were chosen to compete in Region 1 at Brenau University in March. 15 OP winners representing 6 teachers were chosen to compete in the GMTA State Auditions at the University of Georgia. 11 students representing 5 teachers received recognition at the state level. The 2017 GMTA Local Auditions will be held on February 18, 2017 at PianoWorks. The deadline for applications will be January 18, 2017.

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

 Debbie said 37 students in Levels 1-5 took the test this year. Tests have been graded and returned to the teachers.

***Hospitality – Tina Darden***

 No report.

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

Yumi proposed that the repertoire requirements for piano defer to MTNA literature guidelines, with the final decision being left to the discretion of the chair. To locate MTNA’s guidelines on the website, Click “Programs,” then “Competitions,” then “Composer Classifications.”

***Membership – Deb Hughes***

 Deb said that GCMTA has two new members.

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

 No report.

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

Natalie Hardy said that the deadline for the May newsletter is May1st. Contributions should be emailed to gcmtamail@gmail.com and should be sent in a Word document, not in the body of an email.

***Performance Day – Lois Simon***

 Lois said that next year’s event will be held at Gwinnett Hospital Extended Care center on December 3rd from 10AM until 7:30PM.

***Placement – Chris Morrow***

No report.

***Publicity – Pam Asberry***

 No report.

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

Cathy said reminded everyone to come to the May meeting to find out who this year’s recipient will be.

***Venue – Rebecca Bonam***

 No report.

***Website – Kathy Dawal***

 No report.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

 Mary Ann McTier moved that the $500 unused for the president to attend the MTNA national conference be added to the 2016-2017 budget, making a total of $1200 ($200 state, $500 national, and $500 carried over). The motion was seconded and passed.

 Deb Murphy moved that we add Musical Theater as an event at Music Day. The motion was seconded and passed.

 Robin Engleman moved that we add Piano Ensemble as an event at Music Day. The motion was seconded and passed.

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**New Business (continued)**

Deb Hughes moved that we accept the budget as corrected. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Good of the Order – Announcements**

 None.

**Adjourn**

 Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 12:08AM.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Julie Smith, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Cathy Thacker, Brooke Dunn, Debbie Murphy, Lois Simon, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Jean Mann, Yumi Patterson