

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes
August 24, 2016 – 10:00AM
1400 Dogwood Road, Snellville, GA

Welcome and Opening –

President, *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann McTier called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

Officer's Reports:

President, *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann presented a recap of highlights of the recent state executive board meeting. She asked for a volunteer to submit an application for GCMTA to be chosen as state chapter of the year. She also mentioned that the MTNA national conference will be held March 18-22, 2017 in Baltimore.

Vice-President, *Eva Bone*

Eva presented an overview of the 2016-2017 programs. Details will be added to the website soon.

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

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, *Gloria Park*

Mary Ann McTier shared a recap of recent transactions. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee – Eva Bone

Susan Andrews moved that judges/speakers be reimbursed a maximum of \$50 for mileage at 50 cents/mile. Jean Mann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Anti-Trust – Cathy Thacker

No report.

Certification – Robin Engleman

Robin said that she will be pursuing certification in voice beginning in November and would be happy to work alongside anyone else interested.

Directory/Handbook – Julie Smith

No report.

Ensemble Extravaganza Concert – Pam Asberry

Possibilities for future ensemble concert formats were discussed. There will be a committee meeting at some point during the year.

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Federated Festivals – Nora Martin

Nora distributed a handout detailing the new guidelines for NFMC Federated Festival and reviewed the changes. All necessary forms will be available online; teachers planning to participate in the 2017 event should go to www.georgianfmc.org and request permission to enter the portion of the website containing the festival.

GCMTA Music Day – Brooke Dunn

Brooke said that Music Day is set for November 12, 2016 at First Baptist Church Duluth. Online registration closes October 7th and checks must be postmarked by October 11th. Seven judges have been secured. Michelle Peck will coordinate hospitality, Patti Bennett will check literature, and Russell Gallman will be the piano technician. Stephanie Freeman will be on standby as an alternate judge if needed. The website has been updated; refer to it for details.

GCMTA Performance Day – Lois Simon

Mary Ann McTier said that next year's event will be held at Gwinnett Hospital Extended Care facility on December 3rd from 10AM until 7:30PM. All students (including beginners) are invited to participate.

GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann

Jean shared a brief summary on how to register for state events. Everything is online now.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Debbie Murphy

Debbie shared that, like auditions, everything is online now.

Hospitality – Tina Darden

Tina reminded members to welcome new teachers at the September meeting.

Junior/Senior Scholarship – Yumi Patterson

The registration deadline will be February 1, 2017 for the March 11th event, which will take place at PianoWorks.

Membership – Deb Hughes

Deb said rack cards and calling cards are available for sharing. Mary Ann McTier suggested checking in with members who did not renew for the 2016-2017 academic year.

MTNA Foundation Awards – Deb Brady

Deb is putting together a collection of published music written by GCMTA members to be used as a prize in the raffle at the state conference. Teacher/student compositions will be considered but must be approved by the chair.

Newsletter – Natalie Hardy/Judy Harper

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

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Placement – Chris Morrow

Chris said that a teacher in Snellville is moving so there will be a need for a teacher in that area.

Publicity – Pam Asberry

No report.

Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker

Cathy said the nomination deadline is December 31st. Pertinent information is available on the website.

Venue – Rebecca Bonam

No report.

Website – Kathy Dawal

No report.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Deb Hughes moved that GCMTA spend a maximum of \$500 total for the purchase of a projector, screen and Mac adapter. Mary Ann McTier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business (continued)

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

Good of the Order – Announcements

Robin Engleman opened a discussion on the flooding in Louisiana and ways we might help fellow teachers there. It was decided to designate our \$75 MTNA Foundation donation already in the budget to go towards flood relief.

Adjourn

Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 12:25AM.

ATTENDANCE:

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Debby Brady, Chris Morrow, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Brooke Dunn, Debbie Murphy, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Jean Mann, Yumi Patterson

ADDENDUM:

The EB voted via email on August 15 to move the March meeting & master class to March 29 to avoid conflicting with the MTNA conference.