**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**September 28, 2016 – 9:45 AM**

**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 9:49AM.

**Officer’s Reports:**

**President, *Mary Ann McTier***

Mary Ann welcomed old and new members and visitors. She thanked Tina Darden and Music & Arts for today’s refreshments. She passed a greeting card for retiring member Janet Will and reminded the membership of the upcoming state conference (November 3-5, 2016 at Wesleyan College) and the national conference March 18-22, 2017 in Baltimore). She announced a new attendance incentive program and said there will be a drawing at the conclusion of today’s program.

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

Eva presented an overview of the 2016-2017 programs.

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

 The minutes from the August executive board 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***

Eva said the committee is waiting for one more edit before seeking approval from the executive board.

***Anti-Trust – Cathy Thacker***

 Cathy asked to be contacted with any questions regarding anti-trust.

***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***

Julie said At this point everything should be correct and up-to-date on the website. If anyone sees any errors, please let her or Kathy Dawal know by email with the exact page and paragraph of the mistake so they can find it. Kathy is in the process of uploading the member contact information online. Once she uploads it, last year's Directory will be deleted, and only the member list will be there. It will be password-protected, and the password is still “Teacher” with a capital T.

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***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.

***GCMTA Music Day – Brooke Dunn***

Brooke said that registration is now open and will close October 7th. Checks must be postmarked no later than October 11th; see the website for mailing address. Remember- teachers send ONE check for all of their students.

PLEASE double check that you register your students in the correct grade- several teachers registered their students for the incorrect grade last year which led to several scheduling problems.

Participating teachers will receive a group emails after registration closes with even specific information. Watch these emails for more detailed instructions. Plan on working at least a half day on November 12th. If for some reason you cannot work, you MUST delegate a substitute. I need this person’s name and contact information by November 1st.

The schedule will be formed and sent out as soon as possible after registration. Do NOT request any schedule changes.

Michelle Peck is coordinating box lunches and hospitality for Music Day. She will be contacting participating teachers directly about both of these things.

We have liability insurance, judges, and a piano technician! Stay tuned for more updates in the near future!

***GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann***

Jean shared a handout with instructions on how to register students online for GMTA events.

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

 Debbie followed up with the following information:

 GMTA will move to online registration for GMTA Theory and GATE.  No paper forms will be used. Teachers will be required to set up an account in order to register students. The GMTA website has been updated and teachers may set up an account effective immediately.  In this account, teachers will enter student info and register for GMTA Theory and GATE. Payment for events will be paid online or teacher may choose to mail in payment to the state office (Mandy Reynolds).

Complete information and instructions can be found on the GMTA website. The GCMTA September newsletter also has the list of instructions and a link to the GMTA Theory Web Page.

***Hospitality – Tina Darden***

 Tina asked for volunteers to assist with setting up refreshments for future meetings.

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

Junior/Senior Scholarship auditions will be held on March 11, 2017 at PianoWorks. The application deadline is February 1, 2017.

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***Membership – Deb Hughes***

 Deb passed out invitations to share with prospective members.

***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 said that the deadline for the October newsletter is September1st. Contributions should be emailed to gcmtamail@gmail.com and should be sent in a Word document, not in the body of an email.

***Nominating –***

 Mary Ann said that Susan Andrews, Eva Bone and Cathy Thacker have been appointed to the nominating committee.

***Placement – Chris Morrow***

Chris said it has been a quiet summer in terms of lesson inquiries. She did give out a few teacher referrals by zip code. She is passing around a sheet for those who have open slots for new students. Please be sure to list your zip code on this sheet as that is how she places students.

***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.

***Federated Festivals – Nora Martin***

Nora said that today is the deadline for submitting paperwork for the 2017 Federated Festivals and fielded questions.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

 None.

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**Good of the Order – Announcements**

 Mary Ann said there is a 1920’s era Knabe upright for sale in Athens for $300, shared an article “Millenials for Mozart,” and introduced Nadia Jackson, a piano teacher from Alpharetta who has developed a tool for teaching beginner piano students to share with the membership.

**Adjourn**

 Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 11:00AM.

**Program**

Martha Thomas, *Motivational Piano Concertos*

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Kathy Dawal, Julie Smith, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Chris Morrow, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Brooke Dunn, Debbie Murphy, Judy Harper, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Jean Mann, Thomas Wubbenhorst, Stacey Walker, Candice Wiginton, Jenny Pennington, Gina Myung, Mary Frances Katz, Junghee Lee, Eenju Yeo, Jenny McCormick, Eun Jeong, Min-Jung Jim, Ginger Tankersley, Ashlee Cave, Lisa Gaal, Lisa Bong, Lovenia Greer, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Brenda Wheeler, Stephanie Freeman

**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.