**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**April 26, 2017–9:45 AM**

**1400 Dogwood Road**

**Snellville, GA**

**Welcome and Opening –**

**President, *Mary Ann McTier***

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

**Officer’s Reports:**

**President, *Mary Ann McTier***

Mary Ann announced that the 2017 GMTA Conference will be held November 2-4 at Berry College and that Wendy Stevens will present a seminar for GFMC on Saturday, October 7th.

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

Eva reminded members about the annual luncheon in May to be held at the 1123 House in Snellville. This event will be catered by Bambinelli’s (cost $12 per person, payable in advance or the day of the event) at which time the newly elected officers will be installed. Please contact Eva if you wish to be included in the luncheon.

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

The proposed budget for 2017-2018 will be presented under New Business..

**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***

Robin Engleman and Eva Bone plan to pursue certification in the coming year.

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

Possibilities regarding how best to keep the online directory current were discussed. August 1st is the deadline for submission of directory information for the coming year.

***Federated Festivals – Nora Martin***

Dates for next year are as follows: North, February 10, 2018; West, February 10, 2018; Central February 24, 2018 (tentative).

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

Lois proposed a change of venue for next year’s event. Possibilities were discussed.

***GCMTA Music Day – Brooke Dunn***

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

The difference between Voice/Aria and Voice/Musical Theater was discussed.

Mary Ann McTier suggested the possibility of teachers adding their codes to the backs of comment sheets prior to the event.

Clarification of the requirements for high school students to qualify for the scholarship competition were discussed.

Susan Andrews moved that the wording “music must be written by two different composers” be added to the literature requirements for piano, piano duet, piano trio, voice and guitar. Deb Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cathy Thacker moved that the statement, “Any student playing outside the time allotted for their grade is not eligible to win a cash award” be added to the rules for Music Day. Jean Mann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

***GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann***

Jean said that next year’s Local Auditions will be held on February 17, 2018 at PianoWorks and Regional Auditions will be held on March 17, 2018 at Brenau University. State information has not been announced yet.

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

Debbie said that test results have been mailed to participating teachers. Since GMTA will reimburse for expenses associated with these tests, this no longer needs to be a line item in our chapter budget. She also recommended that we secure a separate room for the ear training portion of the test next year.

***Hospitality – Tina Darden***

No report.

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

No report.

***Membership – Deb Hughes***

Deb said we have added one new member to our roster this year.

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

No report.

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

MaryAnn McTier 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](mailto: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 there were a few inquiries this month. Teacher names were given by zip code.

***Publicity – Pam Asberry***

Gloria Park suggested emailing student achievements to local schools and newspapers. Other such possibilities were duiscussed.

***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**

Eva Bone said that a projector and screen have been purchased but there are a few issues with them that need to be resolved.

**New Business**

Susan Andrews moved that the proposed budget be accepted as amended. Cathy Thacker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Deb Hughes moved that the immediate past president be appointed chair of the advisory committee and chair of the Teacher of the Year Committee. Jean Mann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

As the position of “Venue Facilitator” has become obsolete, Eva Bone suggested that it be eliminated. She also suggested that the “Directory” and “Website” be combined into “Communications.”

It was also suggested that each festival have a “mentee” – a person in training to replace the current chair. This will help the chair to do the job and help the mentor learn how to manage it in the future.

Eva moved that GCMTA charge an out-of-district fee of $5 for students from other festivals. Deb Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nora Martin said there are issues uploading information to the NFMC national website so online registration will not be required in 2018.

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**New Business (continued)**

Pam Asberry said she has invited John Hord will be our presenter at the September meeting and shared a flyer with some of his other offerings. Mary Ann McTier moved that GCMTA underwrite a $600 stipend for him to present a symposium on Saturday, September 30th. Eva Bone seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Possibilites regarding changes to the way the GCMTA website is managed were discussed.

**Good of the Order – Announcements**

Mary Ann McTier said that senior certificates are available.

**Adjourn**

Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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