Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2017---9:45 am

1400 Dogwood Road Snellville, GA

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:43 am.

***Officers Reports:***

***President: Eva Bone*** Eva reminded everyone that there is a huge need for volunteers for MNTA Competitions. She also gave a reminder of the GMTA Convention March 28-31, 2018 in Orlando. Application deadlines are hard and fast. A Music Symposium was also mentioned at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church on September 9, 2017.

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry*** Pam told everyone that a workshop and Master Class will be presented by John Hord on September 30, 2017 at Pianoworks. She also said that there will be a presentation by Russell Gallman in November and would like the meeting to be at First Baptist Church in Duluth for demonstrations purposes on their piano. Location of the luncheon was also discussed.

***Reading/Approval of Minutes: Secretary—Chris Morrow*** Procedures for emailing the minutes were discussed. The May minutes will be emailed prior to the September meeting.

***Treasurers Report: Treasurer—Gloria Park*** Members discussed with Gloria about website. She said that the taxes had been sent to the CPA. The May Treasurers Report was approved and accepted.

***Committee Reports:***

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***Advisory: Mary Ann McTier*** As Past President, Mary Ann becomes automatic chair of the Advisory Committee. She is revising the Procedure manual. Revisions will be emailed and approved online. She also discussed that the email vote for Webmaster was approved online over the summer. 48 hours before meetings, Minutes and finished reports should be emailed out.

***Certification: Robin Engleman*** No report

***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** New website director Jonny Park has made updates for those who needed it. Send updates to Julie Smith.

***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** Gathering of information is in progress. October 1, 2017 Sr. Club and October 15 Jr. Club are roster registration dates. Still bring dues to September meeting. There are issues with National procedures, so registration may have to be done line by line.

***West:*** Date is February 10, 2018

***Central:*** Date is March 10, 2018

***North:*** Date is February 10, 2018

***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes*** Local Auditions will be held at PianoWorks on February 17, 2018. Deadline to register is January 13, 2018. Also, sign up for GATE if not taking GMTA Theory. A suggestion was made to add a nominal fee to students to cover Judges’ lunches, but GCMTA should cover the cost. Trophy price might need to be raised due to increasing costs.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** The GMTA Theory test will continue to be offered at Music Day, and GATE will be administered at Local Auditions. Please refer to those events on the websites for registration deadlines and application information. There are no major changes this year, per a conversation with State Theory Chair Jason Bennett. GMTA’s Executive Board Meeting took place August 19, 2017, and website will be updated with information for the 2017-18 year soon. To avoid possible confusion on registration information or dates, information will not be submitted for the August newsletter, but rather for the September newsletter.

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***Hospitality: Tina Darden*** Proposal made to use only the Lawrenceville Music and Arts store . Orianna, store manager, needs to be informed of church change for meetings.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Date has been changed to March 24/2018 at PianoWorks due to conflict with Central Federated Festival date.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** GCMTA welcomed 8 new members this past year. Mentors are needed for them.

***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** Everything is on track for November 11, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Duluth. Judges will be Lois Finlay, Nancy Riley, Donna Kirkindoll, Ashley Drake (voice/guitar), Frank Folds (flute), Leslie Kennedy, Carol Payne, and Crystal Wu. Literature Checker will be Patti Bennett and Tuner/Technician will be Russel Galman. Registration opens soon and will close October 6th. Checks must be postmarked by October 10th. Theory exams will be held in the back hall near the hospitality room. Due to this, it may be necessary to look into another location for Music Day in the future. Kathy Dawal is still doing online registration. Nora Martin made a suggestion to cap the number of MusicLink participants at 10, with GCMTA covering the remainder of the cost for these students.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Debby Brady*** Awards suggestions were discussed. Pam Asberry will donate a CD, Songbook and a piece of jewelry. Eva Bone will provide the basket. A “Sea Stories” songbook from Debby Brady will be added to create a beach basket theme.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Newsletter additions should be sent by the first of the month. Send attachments via Word document or a PDF.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** Lois is working on finding a new location.

***Placement: Chris Morrow*** A suggestion was made to put a link to the website for zip code for potential students, alleviating the need for this position.

***Publicity (Social Media): Ginger Tankersley*** Ginger is the new head over Social Media. A picture of the Executive Board was taken.

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***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** As Immediate Past President, Mary Ann will take over TOY committee. Procedural Manual says nominations should be given by December 1st. She suggests changing this to December 31st.

***Unfinished Business:*** Performance Day location will be published in the newsletter. Ensemble Extravaganza is tabled. Push ensembles at Music Day instead. There is availability for teachers to play before meetings.

***New Business:*** Suggestion made to highlight the church change for meetings in newsletter and on website. Suggestion was also made to send any information updates to new Webmaster Jonny Park by 1st of the month, preferably in PDF format. AtlantaMusic Club has upped the winners fees for high school, so please look into participating. GFMC will host Wendy Stevens at PianoWorks on October 7, 2017. A motion was made and seconded to write a formal Thank You note and a gift to Kathy Dawal for her extra work and hours spent on the website.

***Good of Order:***

***Adjourn:*** The meeting was adjourned at 11:32.

***Attendance:***