**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**September 27, 2017---9:45 am**

**Grace Bible Church 325 Simonton Rd. SW, Lawrenceville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:51 am after an opening song played by Pam Asberry.

***Officers Reports:***

***President: Eva Bone*** No Report

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry*** Pam told everyone that a workshop and Master Class will be presented by John Hord, today’s guest speaker, on September 30, 2017. She has recorded a CD and invited everyone to her CD Release Party at PianoWorks on October 14th.

***Reading/Approval of Minutes: Secretary—Chris Morrow*** Minutes stand approved as emailed.

***Treasurers Report: Treasurer—Gloria Park*** Treasurer’s Report stands approved as emailed.

***Committee Reports:***

***Advisory: Mary Ann McTier*** The Procedure Manual revision is done and will be sent out for a vote by the Executive Board.

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

***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** Email Julie by the 1st of the month with changes.

***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** Nora collected registration fees for West.

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***West:*** Checks have been received.

***Central:*** No report

***North:*** No report

***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes*** Deb distinguished between Local and Regional Auditions. Local is February 17, 2018 at PianoWorks. Registration is done online through GMTA.org. Students must purchase a trophy. GATE is offered that day only. The two judges will be David Watkins and B.J. Sutherland. Online registration deadline is January 13, 2018.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** The GMTA Theory test takes place on Music Day, and includes ear training. Registration is necessary. Specific test times will be given to teachers. Teachers must have an account on the GMTA website in order to register students. Payment may be made online or sent to Mandy Reynolds in the state office. Practice tests and complete information can be found on the GMTA website. Information was included in the September newsletter and will be again in October. Debbie requested CD players to use on Music Day. GATE is required for entering Auditions, and the test must be passed. Ear Training is not part of the GATE. It may be exempted by taking the GMTA Theory test.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden*** Tina thanked Orriana of Music and Arts, for providing refreshments. Orriana reminded teachers that they receive a 30% discount on meeting day, and October 2nd. She also talked about step-up instruments at Music and Arts.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Auditions will take place on March 24, 2018. Deadline to register is February 10th. The website is updated to include this information.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Deb passed out flyers to teachers and asked that they be given to potential members. She reported that three new members have joined this year and have joined with mentors.

***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** Online registration is open, and the deadline is October 6th. Checks must be made out to GCMTA and postmarked by the 9th. Michelle

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Peck will be in touch regarding hospitality and box lunches. If AM/PM requests are made, there is no guarantee of being in the competition. Also, liability insurance from MTNA has been secured.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Debby Brady*** This year’s basket will have a beach theme.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Contributions should be sent to gcmtamail@gmail.com

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** The date is December 2nd, and will most likely go back to Fry’s Electronics as a commercial environment is probably better than a nursing home for exposure. Cost is $8 per student. Lois requested assistance in finding a location/planning.

***Placement: Chris Morrow*** We have had two requests for placement lately. The website does include a place for potential students to search for a teacher.

***Publicity (Social Media): Ginger Tankersley*** No Report

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** Mary Ann gave a description of TOY. She passed out flyers for Brenau University’s Accompanying Degree.

***Unfinished Business:*** Eva presented Mary Ann with a plaque as a thank you for her service as president. A card was passed around to sign as a thank you for Kathy Dawal.

***New Business:*** New delegates and alternates need to be elected for NFMC meeting on October 7. Motion was made and seconded. Wendy Stevens will be presenting, and 80 people have RSVP’d for the meeting. Free music is available from Cathy Thacker and Mary Ann McTier. An invitation was issued to see Deb Hughes in concert on October 28 at 4:00pm at Canterbury Court, 3750 Peachtree Rd., Atlanta. It’s sponsored by the Atlanta Music Club, which is adding a second level of scholarship opportunity this year for pianists. First prize is $1000, and second prize is $500. Live auditions are in March at Morehouse College.

***Good of Order:*** Eva’s thought: Take a pause and plan breaks!

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***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:38.

***Attendance:*** Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Chris Morrow, Gloria Park, Mary Ann McTier, Natalie Hardy, Debra Hughes, Debby Brady, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Ginger Tankersley, Brooke Dunn, Debbie Murphy, Lois Simon, Susan Andrews, Yumi Patterson, Aza Boguslavskiy, Nancy Eckert, Eunju Yes, Nora Martin, Joyce Kwak, Sarah Peterson, Lisa Bong, Lisa Gaal, Junghee Lee, Jenny McCormick, Candice Wiginton, Min-Jung Jin, Jean Mann, Stephanie Freeman, Lovenia Greer, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Thomas Walbourhorst (guest)