**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**November 15, 2017---9:45 am**

**First Baptist Church, Duluth, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:46. Nelson, the new District Manager from Music and Arts introduced himself and encouraged teachers to open a commercial account with the store in order to receive teacher discounts online.

***Officers Reports:***

***President: Eva Bone*** No report

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry*** Russell Gallman, Certified Piano Technician, will present today’s program on maintenance of your piano. Our next meeting will be on January 24, 2018 and will be a brunch at the meeting house on Dogwood Rd. in Snellville. The newly formed Gillock Society will meet before the meeting at 8:00am at the home of Cathy Thacker.

***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*** No report

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

***Anti-Trust: Cathy Thacker*** No report

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***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** Email Julie by the 1st of the month with changes. All links from MTNA to the GCMTA website are incorrect, so Jonny Park will be notified to fix the links.

***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** Registration opens on December 1, 2017.

***West: Susan Andrews*** No Report

***Central: Michelle Peck*** No report

***North: Nancy Morris*** No report

***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes***  Local is February 17, 2018 at PianoWorks. Registration is done online through GMTA.org. The two judges will be David Watkins and B.J. Sutherland. Online registration deadline is January 13, 2018 on the GMTA website.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** 30 students registered for this year. Rie Hosin was thanked for doing a great job. Thanks to all who loaned CD players and needed supplies. Everything went smoothly for Music Day. Test results will be available in May 2018.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Music and Arts was thanked for refreshments.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Auditions will take place on March 24, 2018. Deadline to register is February 10th. Students should look at the essay and begin working on it now.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** We have a new collegiate member. Deb reminded members of hotel and car rental discounts, as well as other benefits available to members of MTNA.

***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** Music Day was very well run, and everything went smoothly. Eva encouraged teachers to thank Brooke for her hard work.

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***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Debby Brady*** The basket was beautiful, and our own Mary Ann McTier won it.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Contributions should be sent to gcmtamail@gmail.com by the first of January 1, 2018. Send it in a PDF attachment, not in an email.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** Cancelled for this year due to lack of venue. Teachers are encouraged to take students to a local venue to gain performing experience.

***Publicity (Social Media): Ginger Tankersley*** Eva did a Live feed on Facebook for parts of the State Conference.

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** Send nominations to Mary Ann by December 31, 2017.

***Unfinished Business:*** NFMC Continuing Education Scholarship is for two $800 scholarships to pianists in an approved education summer program. There are two scholarships this year for $2000 and $1000. Go to NFMC\_Music.org for scholarship information. Eva read a thank you note from Deb for her Sympathy card. The Gillock Society meeting guidelines were given after the inaugural meeting this morning. The theme for the next meeting in January is Winter.

***New Business:*** None

***Good of Order:*** Eva shared a teaching tip from the GMTA Conference that was very helpful to her from Dr. Robert Henry of Kennesaw State University. It was a pie chart of practice repetitions for students.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:19.

***Attendance:*** Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Chris Morrow, Gloria Park, Natalie Hardy, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker,Yumi Patterson, Nancy Eckert, Nora Martin, Lisa Bong, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Yoonmi Choi, Lisa Gaal, Judy Harper, Lovinia Greer, Debra Hughes