**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**October 25, 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 9:47 am after an opening song played by Cathy Thacker. Orriana from Music and Arts was thanked for providing refreshments. She reminded everyone of the Teacher Discount Day and the Horn of Plenty sale coming up in November.

***Officers Reports:***

***President: Eva Bone*** The State Conference is being held next weekend, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Two of our own members will be presenting. Susan Andrews is the GMTA Teacher of the Year. Basket items were collected.

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry*** Pam reminded teachers of the meeting change in November to the 3rd Wednesday, and it will be at First Baptist Church in Duluth. She thanked everyone who attended her concert. Lois Finlay will present today.

***Reading/Approval of Minutes: Secretary—Chris Morrow*** Minutes were not sent out due to internet problems, so Eva read them aloud. Minutes stand approved.

***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

***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.

***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** Names of newly elected NFMC officers were given.

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

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

***North: Nancy Morris*** 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*** 30 students have registered for this year. Tests and CDs have been received from the state and will be copied later this week. Thanks to Nora for loaning out headphones. People who have agreed to loan out CD players were listed and thanked. Rie Hosin will prepare the test schedule once the performance schedule is completed. Practice tests are on the GMTA website.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Orriana of Music and Arts, will assist Tina next month

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Auditions will take place on March 24, 2018. Deadline to register is February 10th. Everyone is invited to observe.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** We have a new collegiate member. Once assigned a mentor, Deb will send out a letter of welcome. Encourage others to join!

***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** 270 students are registered. There are 59 awards. A parent letter is coming soon. Lunch orders go to Michelle Peck, and checks should be received asap.

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***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Debby Brady*** This year’s basket will have a beach theme. A $50 Music and Arts gift card will be added.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Contributions should be sent to gcmtamail@gmail.com by the first of the month.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** Eva talked to a store in the Mall of GA that has a piano. This venue was discussed, and Eva will pursue securing this.

***Publicity (Social Media): Ginger Tankersley*** Teachers are encouraged to post on Facebook.

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** Send nominations to Mary Ann. The website is now updated to include Debbie Murphy as the 2017 Teacher of the Year. Information was sent to the Citizen and Our Town magazines, and she is checking into the Gwinnett Daily Post. The information can be sent to Music and Arts website as well. Susan Andrews being GMTA Teacher of the Year should go in the newsletter.

***Unfinished Business:*** NFMC Continuing Education Scholarship is for two $800 scholarships to pianists in an approved education summer program. This year there were only three applicants! The Bailey-Cobb Scholarship is $350 for non-piano students. Entrance fees are minimal.

***New Business:*** An invitation was issued to see Deb Hughes in concert on October 28 at 4:00pm at Canterbury Court, 3750 Peachtree Rd., Atlanta. Coffee will be at 3:30. Accompanist Bobbie Howard and flautist Robin Guy will also perform. The Atlanta Music Club will offer four high school scholarships: First place, $2000 and second place $1000 to pianists; $1000 for voice, and $1000 for instrumentalists for continuing education at an approved summer music program or first year of college.

Deb Hughes lost her mother recently, so a sympathy card will be sent. Yumi announced that the Gillock Society of Atlanta is being started by she and Pam

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Asberry. It’s based on William Gillock’s works in the 100th year of his birth. Teachers will learn his works and play for each other, then teach students about him. If interested, contact Pam or Yumi.

***Good of Order:*** Eva looked over the Membership List and encouraged everyone to drop a note to a member you don’t know and encourage them to come to meetings.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:33.

***Attendance:*** Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Chris Morrow, Gloria Park, Mary Ann McTier, Natalie Hardy,Debby Brady, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker,Debbie Murphy, Susan Andrews, Yumi Patterson, Nancy Eckert, Nora Martin, Lisa Bong, Min-Jung Jin, Jean Mann, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Yoonmi Choi, Lois Finlay (Guest)