**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**January 24, 2018---9:45 am**

**1123 Dogwood Rd. Snellville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:50.

***Officers Reports:***

***President: Eva Bone*** She read the November minutes, which were approved as read.

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry***  The newly formed Gillock Society did not meet before the meeting as planned due to illness. An alternate meeting time will be decided. Sarah Emory, saxophone player, will be the speaker next month. A Masterclass is lined up for March. A table is in the front hall with donated music and members were asked to make a donation to the MTNA Benevolence Fund in lieu of payment for the books or music.

***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*** Revisions are not completed yet for the Procedural Manual. Executive Board Members will be informed when it is complete.

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

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

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***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** No Report except to say that Jonny Park is doing a great job with the website.

 ***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** No Report

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

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

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

***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes***  Schedules have been delivered to teachers, judges are confirmed, and certificates are printed. 53 students and 19 teachers registered for Local Auditions. There will be one visiting teacher, so members are asked to make her feel welcome. Most teachers enter just a few students, but can enter up to 10 students. State Auditions on April 21, 2018 have a conflict with venue.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** All students must pass a theory test, the GATE, if they are not exempted by passing the GMTA theory test given at the November Music Day. Seniors who will be entering the State competition in April will need to take this test as well, unless exempt. Registration takes place through the GMTA website.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Tina thanked Mary Ann McTier for making coffee before the brunch, and her friend for making centerpieces for the tables.

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

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** An email was received from a lady intending to join, and Deb gave her instructions, but has not received word of whether or not she joined. Officially there are no new members since last year. See Deb for rack cards to hand out to fellow teachers who may be interested.

***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** No Report

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***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Debby Brady*** No Report

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** No Report

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** Cancelled at this time due to lack of venue.

***Placement: Chris Morrow*** One inquiry was received over the holiday break. Martha Melton passed away, and her students are seeking new teachers.

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

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** Deadline has passed. Executive Board will be notified.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** Dr. Francis Leach introduced himself to the group. He has been a member for quite awhile but had teaching commitments on Wednesday mornings. He is now free to attend meetings and would be interested in being a judge for competitions or doing masterclasses.

***Good of Order:*** None

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:25.

***Attendance:*** Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Chris Morrow, Gloria Park, Natalie Hardy, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Deb Hughes, Lois Simon, Mary Ann McTier, Nora Martin, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Stephanie Freeman, Beth Ann Wise, Francis Leach