**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 25, 2018---9:45 am**

**Grace Fellowship Church D House**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:48

***Officers Reports:***

***President: Eva Bone*** The 2018 State Conference on 11/1-11/3 at UGA now has free registration, or half price after 10/15. Eva read the main points covered at the State Board Meeting. Each association must write a “brag report” on themselves to turn in to the State association. Submit to Eva by the August Board meeting. A reminder was given to renew membership soon, and next year’s event dates were given. Our local association’s numbers are dwindling. She gave the National Association guidelines for increasing membership and asked teachers to think on these ideas over the summer. Committee chairs need to read and follow the procedures listed for their committee in the Procedural Manual.

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry*** Next year’s program was given out. Discussion followed about how to get the program published in other places besides the newsletter in order to increase attendance.

 ***Secretary: Chris Morrow*** Minutes stand approved.

***Treasurer: Gloria Park*** Treasurer’s Report stands approved. The Proposed Budget for 2018-2019 was given out.

***Committee Reports:***

***Advisory: Mary Ann McTier*** No report

***Anti-Trust: Cathy Thacker*** A reminder was given to look at the anti-trust document when it arrives with teachers’ membership renewal.

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***Certification: Robin Engleman*** All teachers are encouraged to get certified.

***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith***  Julie is doing a great job.

 ***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** Nora said to be prepared, as lots of changes are coming, one of which is earlier registration. Eva proposed funneling new teachers and their students from the West district to Central and North, but to keep it the same this year. This was seconded and approved by all members.

***West: Susan Andrews*** Competition will take place on February 23, 2019.

***Central: Michelle Peck*** Competition will take place on February 23, 2019 at Hebron Baptist Church.

***North: Nancy Morris*** Competition will take place on February 9, 2019.

***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes***  Next year’s auditions will take place on February 16, 2019. There will be two new judges, Dr. David George and Jeri-Mae Astolfi, in order to freshen things up a bit.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** No report.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  No report.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Winners and Honorable Mentions were given. This year’s competition had the highest number of participants ever with 13 on piano and 2 on flute. This required extra time, and consequently, the judge was paid extra. David Watkins will judge again next year. A motion was made by Gloria Park and seconded by Susan Andrews to increase the judge’s pay, and to list this in the Procedural Manual. The motion carried.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Two new members have joined this past month. One is a Voice teacher in Suwanee, and the other is a reinstating member who teaches violin in Marietta.

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***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** Takes place on November 10th, and registration closes on October 6th. Signs need to be posted on the back door to direct students to use the front door of the church. Nora suggested that judges should have training to recognize anxiety in students, and that they should also be informed of extenuating circumstances a student may have. A discussion took place regarding better wording on the website regarding cash prizes for the event. Brooke also said there needs to be a clearer distinction between Voice categories. For Ensemble, partner name should be added. A suggestion was made to put rules and guidelines into PDF format for easy printing. Brooke also needs someone to shadow her to train to dtake over the event next year. Students who pass from Local to Regional Auditions cannot win at Music Day.

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

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy***  Get all newsletter items to Natalie by May 1st.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** A new venue will be sought this summer.

***Placement: Chris Morrow*** One inquiry was received this month.

***Publicity (Social Media): Ginger Tankersley*** A suggestion was made to post student bios, event winners, and other noteworthy news on the public Facebook page.

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** Teachers should plan to attend the May luncheon to hear the winner of TOTY.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** Deb Hughes proposed that our organization give a special award or scholarship to students who want to major in music in college. Mayron Cole has retired and is offering all of her teaching materials for free online. Update new teacher information by August 1st. The Gillock Society will meet at Amazing Grace Lutheran church on May 3rd from 10-12. GATE theory tests and Senior Certificates were passed out.

***Good of Order:*** None

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 11:54.

***Attendance:*** Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Chris Morrow, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Mary Ann McTier, Nora Martin, Debbie Murphy, Susan Andrews, Yumi Patterson