**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

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

**Grace Bible Church, Lawrenceville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:45. Cathy Thacker played a piece to open the meeting. Eva introduced Bonnie Dykes, Program Director for Pianos for Education. Bonnie spoke for a few minutes on the mission and purpose of the non-profit organization.

***President: Eva Bone*** Eva asked who is attending the upcoming GMTA state conference.

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry***  Please note the November meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, due to Thanksgiving. Dr. Tom Wubbenhorst will be presenting on different teaching styles and personalities.

***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

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

***Certification: Robin Engleman*** No report, but teachers are encouraged to pursue certification.

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***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** There have been some email and internet issues, so report all issues to Julie, Eva and Jonny Park to ensure that the issue is taken care of.

***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** Judy Harper is training someone to take over. There is a possibility of a teacher going to North with a large amount of students. See full discussion under New Business.

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

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

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

***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes***  Local is February 16, 2018 at PianoWorks. Teachers must provide email to Deb. The website has some incorrect info. Registration is online by 1/11/19 through GMTA.org.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** 47 students are registered this year, up from 30 last year. All tests and CDs from State have been received and Debbie will copy them for test day. Nora Martin was thanked for loaning all the headphones. CD players are still needed. They must be able to work with a copied CD and headphone jack. Rie Hosin has begun working on the Theory test schedule. Teachers will receive an email with test times as soon as this is finalized. Practice tests are on the GMTA website. Email Debbie with questions.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Music and Arts was thanked for refreshments. Orianna, store manager in Lawrenceville, mentioned that the Upgrade Your Sound event is going on now. Teachers now receive 30% off print daily.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Auditions will take place at Berean Baptist on April 13, 2019. Deadline is March 1st. Students must have participated in at least one GCMTA event prior to Auditions.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** No new members this month.

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***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** Music Day is on November 10, 2018 at First Baptist in Duluth. Schedules and Parent letters have been sent out. Patti Bennett has agreed to take over next year.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Debby Brady*** Prizes are needed for baskets.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Contributions should be sent to gcmtamail@gmail.com by the first of each month. It will be posted by the 10th of each month.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** The new venue will be Von Mauer in the Mall of GA on December 8th from 10am-4pm. 16 teachers have signed up, but the store will not increase our time. Therefore, some teachers with fewer students are asked to do less than the typical 30-minutes. An email will be sent out soon with further scheduling and details.

***Placement: Chris Morrow*** No report

***Publicity: Ginger Tankersley*** No report

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** Send nominations to Mary Ann by December 31, 2018. Forms are on the website.

***Unfinished Business:*** Potential scholarship information has been given to the Executive Board members.

***New Business:*** Raising of the fee for transfer teachers for Festival was discussed and a motion made by Susan Andrews and seconded by Deb Hughes. It was approved by all to raise the fee to $10. The Procedural Manual must be updated, and all motions kept in a list and given at the end of the year.

***Good of Order:*** Deb Hughes discussed the Bailey Cobb scholarship for non-piano students Continuing Education Piano scholarship for Federated students, and other scholarships from the Atlanta Music Club. Pam Asberry won the New Artist EPR award, and congratulations were given to her. Eva reminded teachers that sometimes it’s better to

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be kind than to be right in regards to make-ups and running our business.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:27.

***Attendance:*** Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Chris Morrow, Gloria Park, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker,Yumi Patterson, Nora Martin, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Debra Hughes, Mary Ann McTier, Debbie Murphy, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Charlotte Wood, Allyson Henley, Min-Jung Jin, Orianna Demlaw, Bonnie Dykes