**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**September 26, 2018---9:45 am**

**Grace Bible Church, Lawrenceville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:46. Pam Asberry played Dunn’s River Falls to open the program and told of her nomination for Best New Artist by Enlightened Piano Radio (EPR) and trip to Germany to play with the Berlin Philharmonic.

***Officers Reports:***

***President: Eva Bone*** Asks for volunteers to play the opening at meetings. Eva wants to begin a new initiative of Round Table discussions in the evenings, outside of meetings, in order to allow attendance for teachers who want to participate in GCMTA but work during the daytime. Also, a new chairman is needed to work with Brooke Dunn and take over Music Day next year.

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry*** Next month’s meeting is on October 24, and Dr. Grace Wong will be presenting. Please note the November meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, due to Thanksgiving.

***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*** Each teacher should be familiar with the Anti-Trust Compliance Guide found at mtna.org

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

***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** No report

***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** Registration is open. Add new students no later than November 15, and let your chairperson know.

***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. GATE Theory test will be administered that day and must be passed for students to proceed to Regionals. The Regional Audition will be held at Brenau University. Teachers must pay the day of competition. Registration is done online through GMTA.org.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** GMTA Theory test will be administered at Music Day, and includes ear training as well as the written test. Theory and performance times will be different. Teachers must have an account on the GMTA website in order to register students. Payment can be made online or mailed to the state office. The GATE test is given at Local Auditions and is a required component for entering Auditions. Ear training is not part of the GATE. It is possible to exempt by taking the GMTA Theory test. Complete information and practice tests for both tests can be found on the GMTA website.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Music and Arts was thanked for refreshments. Orianna, store manager in Lawrenceville, mentioned a few announcements and specials in the store.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Auditions will take place at Berean Baptist church on April 13, 2019 from 9-12 PM.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** New membership cards were given out, and Deb introduced new members. Eva read a list of members who aren’t attending and asked if existing members knew about their teaching situation and if they were still current.

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***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** Music Day is on November 10, 2018 at First Baptist in Duluth. Online registration is open until October 5th. Checks should be made out to GCMTA and postmarked by October 9th. Detailed emails will be sent soon, and further details can be found on the GCMTA website. Brooke is still in need of volunteers to help set up, a literature checker and a future chairperson.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Debby Brady*** The baskets this year will be holiday themed, and our group will do two 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. Cost is $8 per student, and a sign-up sheet will be at the October meeting.

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

***Publicity (Social Media): Ginger Tankersley*** No Report

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** A list of GCMTA TOTYs since 2013 was read. Two of these teachers went on to win the National TOTY. The purpose of this award was read. Nominations for this year are due by December 31st.

***Unfinished Business:*** A new graduating Senior Scholarship is being worked on by a committee for students who are going into teaching as a profession. Ideas are welcome and should be sent to Deb Hughes. The proposal will be sent to and approved by the Executive Board.

***New Business:*** Deb Hughes proposed that the JR/SR judge should be outside of GCMTA. This will be changed next year. Debby Brady requests to not be chairman of the GMTA Awards any longer. The Gillock Society will meet on October 15th at 10:30am at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church.

***Good of Order:*** Eva reminded teachers to take advantage of online webinars and other perks of MTNA.

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***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:36

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet