**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**November 14, 2018---9:45 am**

**Grace Bible Church, Lawrenceville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:54. Yumi Patterson played 2 of her original compositions to open the meeting. Mary Ann McTier filled in for Eva Bone. The State Conference was discussed. Peter Mack was outstanding as a speaker. Various people shared thoughts and insights. UGA does Livestream concerts, and teachers are encouraged to watch when possible.

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry***  There will be no meeting in December. January brunch will be held on January 23, 2019 at the Grace House. Information about the Gillock Society was also shared.

***Reading/Approval of Minutes: Secretary—Chris Morrow*** Minutes stand approved as emailed.

***Treasurers Report: Treasurer—Gloria Park*** Treasurer’s Report stands approved as emailed. Gloria did note that the amount listed in the budget did not include Music Day fees.

***Committee Reports:***

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

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

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

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

***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** An email will be sent out soon regarding deadlines. Registration does open on December 3, and closes on January 5, 2019.

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

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

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

***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes***  This event is for pre-college piano students –grade 4-11 – who are interested in competing with others their same age for a chance to  go on to the Regionals (March 16) at Brenau which can possibly lead to the State GMTA  piano competition (March 20) at UGA. To register and find further guidelines, go to GMTA.org  and look under Student Activities where details regarding repertoire, dates, fees and sites are all listed.  GCMTA’s  Local Auditions - the first preliminary – is scheduled at Piano Works in Duluth for February 16, 2019. The mandatory GATE theory test will be given at that time, as well.   Remember to move forward to Regionals, a student must pass the GATE theory test in addition unless they are already exempt to being selected an Outstanding Performer. Registration deadline for LOCAL AUDITIONS is January 11, 2019. Teachers who enter students in Local Auditions are required to work on that Saturday, February 16, at Piano Works.  No substitutes for the teacher may work.  If a student is to progress to Regionals, the teacher MUST provide a check  made out to GCMTA that day for the amount of the $13 for a trophy. There are no exceptions to these two rules.  Any questions may be directed to bndhughes@comcast.net.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** 50 students registered this year, and a few cancelled. Thani you to Rie Hosoi for a great job scheduling. Yumi and Sunhee were thanked for helping with whatever was needed. Thanks to all who loaned headphones, CD players and pencils/sharpeners. Test results will be available May 1, 2019. One website correction: State is March 30th, not 20th.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Music and Arts was thanked for refreshments. Orianna, store manager in Lawrenceville, couldn’t be there, but made sure brochures were sent and food was provided. Teachers now receive 30% off print daily.

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***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*** Welcome to one new member who joined in October.

***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** We had a successful event! Thanks to Patti Bennett who has agreed to take over next year.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Debby Brady*** Several of this year’s winners were from our group.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** No newsletter in December.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** The new venue will be Von Mauer in the Mall of GA on December 8th from 10am-4pm. An email will be sent out soon with further scheduling and details. Mail checks to Lois Simon.

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

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

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** Please remember to nominate a worthy member for the 2019 TOTY award, presented at the May luncheon. Details for entries are posted on our website under TOTY. The form will preferably be accompanied by a letter of recommendation of a student/parent or two and can be emailed or sent by regular mail. Officers may not be nominated. Deadline for nominations ends at midnight on Dec. 31.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** The Gillock Society meeting goal is to play all of his pieces in however long of time it takes. There are currently 6 members. An article about Cathy Thacker being the TOTY for 2017 ran in the Our Town magazine. Pam Asberry’s album release party is November 17th at PianoWorks. All are encouraged to attend.

***Good of Order:*** None

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***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:24.

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet