**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**January 23, 2019---9:45 am**

**1123 Dogwood Rd. Snellville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:57. Debby Brady played 2 of her original guitar compositions to open the meeting.

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry***  Tina Darden was thanked for her hospitality work on the brunch set up and the centerpieces. The February meeting’s program will be by Dr. Robert Henry, who will present on Practicing.

***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

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

***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** Registration has closed and went well. The schedule will be out soon. Teachers within our group may switch students within our districts at no cost, but outside teachers must pay $10. Registration numbers are down a bit from last year.

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

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

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

***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes***  Local Piano Auditions are on February 16 at Piano Works.  The judges are Drs. David George & Jerri-Mae Astolfi.  Every age group (grades 4-11) is represented from 19 GCMTA teachers.  There are 48 registered entrants with no age group containing more than 9 so there is a possibility of all of the students who entered to progress onto the next preliminary but it is not mandatory that the judges will select all. The schedule has been emailed to all teachers, so those who have not received the schedule please contact Deb Hughes. Registration for the Local audition and GATE (theory test) closed on January 1 and was done entirely online.  Student entrants will receive three possible ratings: Outstanding Performer, Artist of Excellence (2nd highest) or Honorable Mention (3rd highest).  If a student passes the GATE and receives an OP rating then he/she is eligible to progress onto Brenau University on March 16 for Regional Auditions and is ranked OPR. NOTE: Every teacher whose student receives an OPR must present a check to GCMTA on the day of Local Auditions for the GCMTA trophy ($13 each).  There are no exceptions to this. If no check is presented then the student’s name will not be entered to go on to Regionals. The State Audition will be held at UGA on March 30 for those who progress to the third level of competition. At this same date senior piano entrants, piano concerto, voice, strings and woodwind/brass are able to audition for state awards. The registration again is online and has a March 18th deadline.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** Debbie Murphy and Robin Whitworth will be overseeing/administering the GATE all day from 9 am until 3 pm with an hour break from noon until 1.  The test results will be given to the teachers during the day of Local Auditions but the paper test will be returned later. All piano entrants must take the GATE unless they are exempt.

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

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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*** . Right now GMTA is offering a half-price sale on membership until June 30: $39.50 National plus $22 State.   Deb listed all the benefits of joining MTNA.

***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** A new chairperson will take over in 2019, and will be voted on by the Executive Board.

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

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** February deadline is the 1st. Please send items in a Word document, allowing Natalie to do the formatting.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** The Von Mauer store manager was thrilled to have our group, and we hope that we can go back next year. An easel was purchased to use at this event and will be available for other GCMTA events.

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

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

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** Nominations have closed. Officers will vote, and the TOTY will be revealed in May.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** None

***Good of Order:*** Cathy Thacker invites everyone to a concert at her home on February 2nd. Please RSVP to her. Georgia Federation of Music Clubs is offering two piano scholarships of $600 to students in grades 9-12 for summer programs. Applications & details can be found online at GeorgiaNFMC.org. GFMC also awards a $350 scholarship to non-piano entrants and will also be awarding piano scholarships to college level pianists for $2000. Atlanta Music Club Scholarship for three different

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instruments will be awarded on March 9 at Morehouse College.  Piano ($2000 & $1000), voice ($1000)and instrumental ($1000) for high school students who want to further their education.  There are also scholarships for college level in each of these disciplines. Registration deadline is February 1st with Debra Hughes, or online application & guidelines at AtlantaMusicClub.org

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

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet