**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**February 27, 2019---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. Mary Marshall Dekkers played a Chopin Etude to open the meeting.

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry***  Next month’s meeting starts with a Masterclass, which we will have first in order for the students to play and return to school. The May Luncheon is coming up on May 15th and is $10.

***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***

***West: Susan Andrews*** 273 students signed up. There were 258 Superiors, 8 Excellents, and 7 students who are scheduled to play in other Festivals. A record number of gold cups were earned this year: 51 15-point cups; 22 30-point cups; 9 45-point cups, and 5 60-point cups.

***Central: Michelle Peck*** All winners were Jean Mann’s students.

***North: Nancy Morris***

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***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes***  Local Piano Auditions are on February 16 at Piano Works.  There were 48 registered entrants with 40 moving on to Regionals. Teachers must register students for Regionals. The same judges will return to Local Auditions next year. Deb thanked Cathy Thacker, Pam Asberry and Jean Mann for helping out.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy***  Robin Whitworth will be mailing the GATE to everyone soon, and GMTA test results will be mailed by May 1st.

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

***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*** . Deb recounted benefits of MTNA membership and reminded members that fees are reduced for college students and teachers over 70.

***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** No report.

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

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Deadline is the 1st of each month. Please send items in a Word document, allowing Natalie to do the formatting.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** The Von Mauer store will be contacted in summer or Fall regarding using their store again this year.

***Placement: Chris Morrow*** No report, but Robin Engleman mentioned that there are students looking for a teacher who travels to students’ homes in the Hoschton area.

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

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier***  TOTY has been chosen and will be revealed in May.

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***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** New officers for 2019-2021 announced and will be voted on in March.

***Good of Order:*** The Grace Music Academy Studio Festival, led by Nora Martin, is open to any students who couldn’t attend or afford Federated Festival. Nora also has a grand piano donated to Music Link. It must be sold in 2 weeks, and it is in need of repairs. Let her know if interested.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:11.

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet