Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association

Executive Board Meeting

April 24, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

1400 Dogwood Road Snellville, GA

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President: Eva Bone***The meeting was called to order by Eva at 9:53 am.

***Officers Reports:***

***President: Eva Bone***

***President-Elect: Pam Asberry*** Pam passed out the new Committee Chairperson list for 2019-2021.

***Secretary: Chris Morrow*** Minutes stand approved as posted on website.

***Treasurer:Gloria Park*** Gloria went over the budget and said that Federated is over budget. General expenses didn’t include expenses for the website, so the budget needs to increase. Also, PianoWorks is raising prices next year for events. An updated version of the budget will be sent out to the EB for approval before the May meeting.

***Committee Reports:***

***Advisory: Mary Ann McTier*** No Report

***Anti-Trust: Cathy Thacker*** No report, except to say that the guide is online at MTNA.org.

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

***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** Julie will continue as chairperson, and will check for the directory being up to date.

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***Federated Festivals: Nora Martin*** Central and North were over budget. Susan Andrews proposed raising fees to $28 for the first event and $15 for the second event due to increased facility and tuning fees. Cathy Thacker seconded the motion, which was approved. Also, the Federated chair expenses need to be specified and approved over a certain amount. A suggestion was also made that we may need to cut lunch times and extend the day to cut expenses.

***West:*** No location as of yet, and various locations were discussed.

***Central:*** The date for this event is February 29, 2020.

***North:*** The date for this event is February 8, 2020.

***GMTA Auditions: Deb Hughes*** Next year’s Auditions will be at PianoWorks on 2/15/20.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** Debbie has been reimbursed by the state for all GMTA Theory expenses incurred for Music Day. Due to numbers being up for Music Day and the use of only one room, the Theory room was quite crowded. Whenever possible, a separate room is really helpful to have. In spite of this, we had enough workers and everything ran smoothly. The GATE went well. However, many errors were found on the tests. The proofreading by the state needs to be addressed.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden*** Music and Arts has not been paying for refreshments; Orianna has been paying for them herself, so the EB discussed increasing the budget to include refreshments, with food being purchased only in September and May. Susan Andrews proposed increasing by $20/month, or $140/year, and Eva Bone seconded the motion. It was approved by the EB.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Auditions were held at Berean Baptist. 15 entered and 12 played. Yumi announced the winners and Honorable Mentions. Cathy Thacker proposed that “No actively teaching CMTA member will judge the Jr./Sr. Scholarship”. Susan Andrews seconded. Yumi pointed out the difficulty in finding good judges. The motion passed with majority (2 abstained). It was also mentioned that the wording of the deadline should be clarified and changed to “Received by” in order to clear up some issues with receiving

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registrations after the deadline. The teacher should also send information, not students.

Membership: Deb Hughes No report

***Music Day: Brooke Dunn*** A proposal was made by Susan Andrews: “This will be added to Rule 5 under GCMTA MUSIC DAY LITERATURE AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS--PIANO SOLO: Both pieces may not be selected from the same method (Piano Adventures, Alfred, Hal Leonard, etc.) due to the difficulty in verifying the composer in methods with multiple composers.” Cathy Thacker seconded and the motion passed.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Debby Brady*** The FAC proposes the adoption and implementation of the Named Award Fund from the GMTA Award Fund ad hoc committee. In the past, GMTA has treated award funds like college endowments, not using the principal donation money. However, interest rates only bring in $25-$30 annually. GMTA has been funding the awards from its operating budget, and currently manages $47,500 in donated funds. This proposal would stop the endowment model and only spend principal amounts in a more comprehensive program that clarifies and publicizes how NAF’s can be created and named, how they will be administered, and how they can terminate upon the depletion of funds with no additional donations to those funds. GCMTA should create a committee to oversee distribution of the NAF’s. See attached sheet for further details.$25 was put into 3 awards, but the other $75 needs to be allocated. Susan Andrews moved to put $75 into the MTNA Benevolence Fund, and the motion was seconded by Cathy Thacker. Robin Engleman moved that $75 be put into the Betty White Fund for 2018-2019.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Submit newsletter articles to Natalie by May 1st.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** Eva Bone would like to have two separate days, with separate chairs if necessary. Mary Ann McTier proposed raising the cost to $10 instead of $8 for the event, and it was seconded by Chris Morrow.

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***Placement: Chris Morrow*** Eva proposed getting rid of Placement on the website, as it is no longer needed. Mary Ann McTier seconded and the motion passed.

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

***Teacher of the Year: Mary Ann McTier*** The TOTY will be announced at the luncheon on May 15th.

***Unfinished Business:*** A lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposed Music Ed. and Pedagogy (MED/PED) $500 Scholarship. Eva gave each committee member an opportunity to share their viewpoint of how the Scholarship requirements were worded regarding whether it is just for High School students or should include College students as well. Eva motioned to open the matter up to the EB to decide. Motion was seconded by Chris Morrow. Eva proposed a May 1st deadline for High School applicants. If there are none or no one qualifies, then college students of GCMTA teachers may apply. That deadline would be June 1st. Eva motioned that the Scholarship committee be comprised of the officers and the immediate Past President. Cathy Thacker seconded the motion. See attached sheets for a detailed list of the MED/PED Scholarship qualifications.

***New Business:*** A new chair position for MusicLink and Pianos for Education was discussed. Susan Andrews proposed raising Local Dues to $25 for 2020-2021. Mary Ann McTier and Cathy Thacker seconded the motion. Deb Hughes wants to update the GCMTA logo, but there is no money in the budget this year. Gloria Park will email the updated budget. Eva motioned to table the budget and Robin seconded the motion.

***Good of Order:*** Pam Asberry released another CD. See her to purchase a copy.

***Adjourn:*** 12:14 pm

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet