Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association

Executive Board Meeting

August 28, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

1400 Dogwood Road Snellville, GA

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam Asberry*** The meeting was called to order by Pam at 9:53 am.

***Officers Reports:***

***President: Pam Asberry*** Pam thanked everyone who has helped her so far, and she thanked the Executive Board for all that they do.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The programs for the 2019-2020 year were announced. Deb Hughes suggested that we add the location of the programs to our website.

***Secretary: Chris Morrow*** Pam announced that all reports need to be sent directly to Chris and gave her email address.

***Treasurer:Gloria Park*** The report was approved as submitted.

***Committee Reports:***

***Advisory: Eva Bone*** No Report

***Anti-Trust: Mary Ann McTier*** Mary Ann said that information can be found on the website.

***Certification: Robin Engleman*** Robin discussed her journey toward National Certification in Voice. She will encourage our members to pursue their own journey, and will keep in contact with those who wish to do so. She is also going to encourage part-time or full-time college faculty to consider National Certification thru Administrative Verification.

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***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** Everyone should send necessary revisions for the website to Julie. She mentioned that Jonny is great to work with.

***Federated Festivals: Susan Andrews***

***West***: ***Susan Andrews*** The Festival is February 22, 2020 at Mountain Park UMC.

***Central: Michelle Peck*** The Festival is February 29, 2020 at Hebron Baptist Church;

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** Federated will take place on February 8, 2020, at First Baptist in Duluth. Stephanie Freeman is securing judges. There are 20 teachers, 2 of whom are new.

***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** Auditions are on February 15 at PianoWorks. Registration opens December 1st and closes January 14th. Cost is $25 per student. There was some discussion about raising fees, and it was decided that we would discuss the issue more in the Spring. There was also discussion about allowing 2nd and 3rd graders to enter the auditions. It was decided not to do so at this time.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** The GMTA Theory test will be held at Music Day, and the GATE will be held at Local Auditions. The information has been sent to Julie Smith and Mandy Reynolds. Any new information given to Debbie will be passed on to us.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden*** Orianna is now the manager at the Music and Arts in Snellville. She and Whitney, the new manager at the Lawrenceville store, will provide refreshments for our September meeting, as well as the meetings throughout the year. Music and Arts will now reimburse her for the refreshments.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Jr/Sr Scholarship will be held on April 25, 2020, at PianoWorks.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Discussion took place regarding whether or not to keep the current business and rack cards. There was also discussion about getting digital business cards. Pam reminded teachers to invite other teachers to meetings. There was also discussion about a new logo, but no action was taken.

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***Music Day: Patti Bennett*** Music Day is November 16, 2019. Deadline to register is October 4th. Checks must be sent in by October 11th. The church is charging $100 more this year. All information is on the website. Patti says she has great judges.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier*** Mary Ann explained the programs that the Foundation sponsors, as well as the purpose of the GMTA Awards. A significant means of our group contributing to this is our group’s donation for the raffle at the State Convention. $75 is allotted in the budget. It was decided that we would include something from Pam Asberry’s new album about Lullabies. A possible theme would be a bedtime pampering. Anyone who wants to contribute something may bring it to the September meeting.

***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** Within the state of Georgia, there are 14 active teachers with 72 active students. Within GCMTA, we have 8 of those generous teachers with 65 of the students, so we are a very active part of MusicLink. Georgia leads the SE region for both the number of involved teachers and students; Florida is a close second. There are no unlinked students in the GCMTA area at this time. We have several GCMTA members who have already registered as volunteer teachers but who do not have a student linked to them. The number of students who register independently is very low, so teachers are encouraged to locate potential eligible students through contacts with local schools or after school programs. We encourage any teacher who is already teaching a student at 50% or less tuition to register themselves and the student for this program. The intrinsic value and reward of working with a MusicLink student is great. But, MusicLink offers teacher grants, student camp scholarships and high school grants and scholarships, free or reduced music, supplies and services through our list of business partners and even free practice instruments for home. Many of the business partners extend offers to a teacher’s entire studio. The only requirement for the teacher is to complete a 4-question evaluation once a year on the student.

Currently, there is an in-studio festival offered each spring by Grace Music Academy (using the MTNA model provided on the MTNA website) for MusicLink students who cannot afford normal NFMC festival fees or whose teacher does not pay the fee and then seek reimbursement through the Teacher Reimbursement Grant. And GCMTA generously has reduced fees for ML participants in Music Day to $10 (max 10 students right now). For the future, we are looking at partnering with some local business partners to host a fund-raiser for MusicLink through a Play-a-thon in a local mall or other retail center. We have had positive responses from Music & Arts and Jordan Kitts Music. This is definitely more than a year away.

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***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Submit newsletter articles to Natalie by September 1st at the GCMTA email address.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** The Van Maur store in the Mall of GA is available for December 7th or 14th . They request that we contact them in October to set up a date. Café Rotham is also a possible future venue for Performance Day events. Chris Morrow has agreed to help Lois with the event.

***Publicity (Social Media): Eva Bone*** No report

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** No report

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** None

***Good of Order:*** Pam attended the State Executive Board meeting recently, and said that Mandy Reynolds reminded everyone to ignore the fraudulent emails that are going around. The was discussion about our Mailchimp account and whether to keep it or to get a new one.

***Adjourn:*** 11:00am

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet