**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**September 25, 2019---9:45 am**

**Grace Bible Church, Lawrenceville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** Everyone was welcomed to Pam’s first meeting as President.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** Cathy introduced Robin Engleman, Vocalist, and her accompanist Kimber, who would open the program, and asked for people to sign up to open the meetings. She also read the meeting line up for this year.

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

***Treasurers Report: Treasurer—Gloria Park*** Treasurer’s Report stands approved as emailed.

***Committee Reports:***

***Advisory: Eva Bone*** No report

***Anti-Trust: Mary Ann McTier*** Mary Ann read an article from AMT magazine regarding what Anti-Trust is, and why it is necessary.

***Certification: Robin Engleman*** Any teacher interested in pursuing Certification is encouraged to do so, and please speak to Robin for more details about it.

***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** Send anything for the website to Julie, and copy Jonny Park and Pam.

***Federated Festivals: Susan Andrews*** Registration opens online December 1st.

***West: Susan Andrews*** Takes place on February 22, 2020.

***Central: Michelle Peck*** Takes place on February 29, 2020

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** Takes place on February 9, 2020.

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***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** Auditions will take place at PianoWorks on February 15, 2020. Registration opens December 1st and closes January 14th. Judges are already selected. This event is for grades 4-11. 12th grade does State Auditions, but must take the GATE on that day. Fees remain $25.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy***  Debbie explained the GMTA theory test, and how it differs from the GATE theory test. The GMTA test will be given at Music Day on November 16th. Students must be registered for the theory test online at the GMTA website. Teachers must have an account on that website, and information was given on how to set one up. Payments for events will be paid online or sent to the state office. The GATE will be administered at Local Auditions and is required to be passed, Complete information for both events may be found on the GMTA website.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Tina said that Orianna from Music and Arts is now at the Snellville store. Teachers were reminded about the 30% discount on meeting days and Teacher Appreciation days.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Event will take place at PianoWorks on April 25th, and B.J. Sutherland will judge.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Invitation cards and letters have been passed out to several area schools. A few teachers took some to hand out. A New member, Emily Choi, was introduced, and visitors welcomed.

***Music Day: Patti Bennett*** The event will take place at Duluth First Baptist church on November 16th. Registration deadline is October 4th, and payment of $22 per student is due by October 11th. Each consecutive category is $10. There is an important new rule change this year: Only one piece may be played out of a method series due to difficulty distinguishing composers in that series.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier*** An explanation was given regarding what the awards are for. The theme of this year’s basket will be Music Teacher’s Reverie. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the next meeting. $75 is allotted in the budget for the basket. MTNA is asking for donations toward making John Robert Poe a Fellow. Donate by November 1st.

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The State conference will be held in Columbus this year, and all are encouraged to attend.

***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** Nora gave an explanation of what MusicLink is and how many teachers are involved.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Send submissions by the first of each month.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** It is hoped that we can book the Von Mauer store on December 7th, but the date is still tentative. Café Rotham in Duluth is also a potential venue, possibly for the Spring. The participation fee is $10.

***Publicity/Social Media: Eva Bone*** No activity on Facebook yet.

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** Information is on the website. Give applications to Eva. Teachers should remember that you cannot just give a name, much more information is needed.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** None

***Good of Order:*** Pam Asberry won Best Holiday Album. Lois Simon’s church is in need of a pianist. There is a concert by Philip Wesley tonight at PianoWorks.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:38

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet