**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

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

**Grace Bible Church, Lawrenceville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The program with Dr. Kevin Chance began at 9:50, followed by the meeting which officially began at 11:23. Pam gave Information on the upcoming State Conference as well as the National Conference. Teachers were encouraged to attend. The Valdosta State Festival will be held on November 16th if anyone would like to attend.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of November instead of the fourth due to Thanksgiving, and will be held at PianoWorks. Derek Vann will speak on digital pianos.

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

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

***Committee Reports:***

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

***Anti-Trust: Mary Ann McTier*** No report

***Certification: Robin Engleman***  Anyone interested should speak to Robin for further information.

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

***Federated Festivals: Susan Andrews*** Registration opens online December 3rd and closed on January 11, 2020. Further information will be on the website and in the newsletter

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***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.

***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** No report

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy***  39 students have registered. Tests and CDs have been received, and Debbie will copy the amount needed.. She is still in need of a few more CD players. Nora Martin has graciously loaned earphones. Rie Hosen received the performance Master schedule and will begin working on the test schedule. As soon as this is finalized, teachers will receive an email with the test time. Practice tests are on the website. Contact Debbie with any questions.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Whitney was introduced as the new manager at the Music and Arts in Lawrenceville. Teachers were reminded about the 30% discount on meeting days and Teacher Appreciation days.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Information is on the website.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Deb encouraged everyone to remember the letters R-E-P, standing for Resources, Education, and Peer Involvement, when inviting others to join. Literature and cards are available to pass out.

***Music Day: Patti Bennett*** Numbers are down from last year, and Patti would like to know why. Teachers are also needed to work the afternoon shift at Music Day.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier***  The theme of this year’s basket will be Music Teacher’s Reverie. So far we have a bath bomb and bath salts, Debby Brady’s newest piano solo book, Pam Asberry’s CD and book, a $30 gift certificate to PianoWorks, and a few other goodies. Plan to attend the GMTA conference and contribute to the Awards Fund for a chance to win this basket, or a basket from another local MTA. A contribution also enters you for a chance to win a hydraulic bench from PianoWorks.

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***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** There is a potential student in that Nora is speaking with.

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

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** We have two days at Von Mauer this year: December 7th and 14th from 10:00-6:00pm. This should allow one hour for each teacher. Lois is unable to be there on the 7th, so Chris Morrow will be the chair for that day and Lois will be chair for the 14th.

***Publicity/Social Media: Eva Bone*** No report

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** Eva read the definition and guidelines. She reminded teachers that to nominate someone, you must have recommendation letters.

***Unfinished Business:*** A $500 scholarship opportunity was mentioned for High School Seniors going into Pedagogy or Music Education. The newsletter has complete information. Debbie Nolte’s son is giving music and materials. GFMC-9th and 10th grade and 11th and 12th grade $600 summer program scholarships are available. Federated Festival music must be used.

***New Business:*** None

***Good of Order:*** Two Continuing Education Scholarships are available through GFMC for piano students in grades 9-10 &amp; 11-12 for $600 each. There is also a non-piano scholarship available. See Georgia NFMC.org or Deb Hughes for further information.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet