**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**January 22, 2020—10:00 am**

**1123 Grace House Snellville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 10:04. Pam reminded teachers of the UGA Piano Pedagogy Synposium this coming Saturday. It is a free event from 9:30-3:45. She also reminded teachers of the MTNA National Conference coming up in March.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The next meeting will host a presentation of duets played by Kathryn Dawal and Lois Finlay. They will also discuss the composers whose pieces they will play. This will be on the 4th Wednesday of February.

***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*** No report

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

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

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***Federated Festivals: Susan Andrews*** Preparations are being made for the Festivals.

***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*** 53 students are registered. The schedules have been emailed. She will email the teachers work schedule and the letter to parents as soon as all time requests are received from participating teachers.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy***  Registration for the GATE is now closed. The tests for that event have been received and forwarded to Robin Whitworth, who will administer the tests..

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Special thanks was given to Tina for her set-up of the brunch and the lovely centerpieces.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Auditions are on April 25, 2020.

***MED/PED Scholarships: Cathy Thacker*** Complete information is on the website. Please keep in mind that there must be an accompanying letter saying that a student has been accepted to a Music degree program.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** We had one new teacher join in December. Her name is Mikyung Moon and she will be a part of the Central Federated Festival. Pending verification from MTNA, we anticipate a new member in the West division, Natha Hennegan. Welcome to both ladies! Deb encouraged everyone to reach out to potential new members by sharing some good talking points, including: !) We are the largest MTA group in Georgia, 2) We have regular monthly meetings with profitable topics for further teacher education, 3) We offer lots of scholarships to our students through our various projects, and 4) We encourage and like each other.

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***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier***  A letter was received from the Board of Directors thanking our group for the $75 donation made to the MTNA Foundation Fund, applied to the John Robert Poe Fellow Fund.

***Music Day: Patti Bennett*** No report

***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** No report

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Deadline for submissions is February 1st.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** It went well, and we look forward to another event next year.

***Publicity/Social Media: Eva Bone*** Eva encouraged everyone to post on the Facebook page and to keep up with the notifications. It was also suggested that to reach the younger generations we need an Instagram page. Eva will work on that.

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** Two nominations were received and will go to the Officers for voting soon.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** Deb Hughes’ father passed away a few weeks ago, and our sympathies and prayers go out to her. A card will be sent by Chris Morrow, Secretary, from the group.

***Good of Order:*** None

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet