**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes**

**February 26, 2020—9:30 am**

**Grace Bible Church Lawrenceville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 9:54.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The next meeting take place on March 18th, which is the third week instead of the 4th week of March, due to the MTNA Conference. It will be our annual Masterclass. Students names and the pieces they will play were announced.

***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

***Federated Festivals: Susan Andrews*** The names of Piano and Voice Scholarships and Honorable Mentions were given. There was no Woodwind Scholarship given. See the March newsletter for names of winners.

***West: Susan Andrews*** There are 243 students who participated on February 22. There were 7 Excellent ratings, and the rest were Superiors. Ten students are scheduled to play in Central’s Festival on the 29th.

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***Central: Michelle Peck*** Takes place this Saturday, February 29, 2020.

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** The event went well in spite of it being a snowy day. No numbers are available yet.

***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** 53 students registered and 50 participated. Ratings were given. Trophies are ready to be picked up. Jiyeon thanked Jean Mann for taking care of that. The AE and HM certificates are ready as well. Next year’s Auditions will be held at PianoWorks on February 13th, 2021. Please send Jiyeon an email if any teachers know of good judges.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy***  GATE testing at Local Auditions was a great success! Thanks was given to Robin Whitworth for all the test preparation and to those who helped grade the tests. Special thanks was given to Jiyeon Kwak for organizing a great event.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  Tina thanked Orianna from Music and Arts for coming in with refreshments on her day off. Orianna mentioned a super sale at the store. The Upgrade Your Sound sale is coming up as well.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** Registration deadline is March 13th. Teachers should apply, not individual students. Full information is on the website.

***MED/PED Scholarships: Cathy Thacker*** Complete information is on the website. The deadline for applying for the $500 scholarship is May 1st.

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** We had 2 new members join in February. Natha Hennigan teaches Strings and Piano in the West Festival district. The other new member Dr. Bak teaches Piano, Organ and Choral in the Central Festival district. Anyone who joins MTNA now gets 50% off of national dues.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier***  No report was given, but Robin Engleman added that John Robert Poe was recognized at the Conference.

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

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***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** There have been 6 new students who have signed up recently. Nora mentioned needs for teachers in various locations. There are 2 teacher grants available.

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

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** We are looking at something on a smaller scale for perhaps an additional performance, at Café Rotham. With its setup, other instruments would be able to participate.

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

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** Two nominations have been sent to Officers.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** None

***Good of Order:*** 2 scholarships are available through GeorgiaNFMC.org. Students must make a YouTube video by the deadline of April 1st. The 9th/10th grade Piano scholarship is $600, and the non-piano Bailey Cobb scholarship is $350. Pam thanked everyone for making her Presidency of GCMTA so easy because everyone does their job well.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.

***Attendance:*** See attached sheet