**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**April 22, 2020—10:00 am**

**Online meeting via Zoom**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 10:03. Pam encouraged teachers in their online teaching during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The programs for the 2020-2021 school year were reviewed.

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

***Treasurers Report: Treasurer—Gloria Park*** Proposed budget was sent out and will be voted on in the meeting.

***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*** A new chair for Federated will be discussed under New Business.

***West: Susan Andrews*** The date for the 2021 Festival is February 20 at Berean Baptist Church in Lilburn.

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***Central: Michelle Peck*** The Festival was held on February 29th at Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula. Approximately 250 students and 16 teachers participated, along with 7 student volunteers. Eight events were hosted, with many of the students participating in multiple events. We hosted almost 50 out-of-district students due to All State and North Federated events that had snow on their days. Ratings were given, along with High School Scholarship winners and Honorable Mentions. Joe Chapman was the High School adjudicator and Ashley Drake was the Guitar/String judge. A total of $4054.75 was earned, and expenses were $3591.25, leaving the earned total at $463.50. The deadline to turn in the JR 3-3 form has been extended, so the GFMC dues have done been paid yet. The tentative date for 2021 is February 27th at Hebron, but this date must be approved by the State Chair. Michelle also will send out templates she created for Festival and Music Day certificates.

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** The date for next year’s event will be emailed.

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

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** The State has reimbursed Debbie for all GMTA Theory expenses incurred on Music Day. GMTA testing numbers were down from 52 last year to 39 this year. We were fortunate to have a conference room that was spacious and quiet for the students this year. Rie Hosoi did a great job with scheduling and we had enough workers. Everything ran smoothly. Also, the theory test price has gone from $10 to $15. GATE testing at Local Auditions also went smoothly. Robin Whitworth did a great job with scheduling and setup, and we had enough workers to grade all the tests before the event ended.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  The May luncheon has been postponed due to Covid-19 and inability to meet together.

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** This year’s competition was done online. All judging materials were delivered to B.J. Sutherland and the results will be received as soon as she finishes judging. Copies of music were sent to Yumi and B.J. 13 students and 6 teachers were entered. Comment sheets will be mailed to teachers. Yumi thanked Pam for helping with YouTube and all her technical help, without which Auditions would not have taken place. Gloria Park

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suggested since there was no $160 facility fee this year, that we increase B.J.’s pay. Susan Andrews made a motion to add $60 to B.J.’s pay and to add $100 for another student award. Cathy Thacker seconded the motion, and it passed.

***MED/PED Scholarships: Cathy Thacker*** No applications have been received as of yet, but the deadline is May 1st.

***Membership: Deb Hughes***GCMTA Membership has increased this year by five new people, putting our total number of members at 97. All are currently listed on the GMTA website but not on ours yet. Deb has inquired as to the proper procedure to make that happen. After Deb is notified by our Treasurer, each new member is greeted with a welcome email and phone call. The new members are informed of how to access our website with the password and offered the opportunity to have a personal mentor. None replied this year to accept that offer. As was suggested in August, Deb has passed out new invitation calling cards to music stores and schools in the area with a personal invitation to join us. A tactic that has worked in interesting new people to become GCMTA members is to invite them to a meeting where they can see what we do, meet other teachers and enjoy the seminar that is offered. Meetings seem to be an important tool for new membership where they can see the personal affection and carefulness that we have for each other along with hearing our reports. She encouraged GCMTA members to be carrying our calling card sized invitations with us so to be ready to invite someone in our everyday life. Four of our five newest members joined because of desiring to be involved with Federation Festival. She has inquired with our GMTA Membership Chair about new strategies for acquiring new members and welcomes ideas from GCMTA members.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier***  No report

***Music Day: Patti Bennett*** No report. Michelle Peck will send out templates for student certificates via email.

***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** If you have lost students due to parents losing jobs during the Pandemic, you can reduce your fee for lessons, and MusicLink can help. A statement from the MusicLink Foundation was read. There are currently

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5 families already approved and waiting for teachers. For further information contact Nora.

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

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** We are looking at Café Rotham in Duluth for an additional performance in Spring. With its setup, other instruments would be able to participate. We are planning on returning to Von Mauer in December.

***Publicity/Social Media: Eva Bone*** A suggestion was made that we could share a meeting via Facebook Live in order to bring in new members.

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** The TOTY will be withheld until August or September since the May Luncheon had to be postponed.

***Unfinished Business:*** Federated Cups will be delivered in May. Lois has cups for Central teachers.

***New Business:*** Cathy Thacker is doing a Composer Competition for her students with a deadline of April 30th. All teachers are invited to join. Susan Andrews has stepped down as overall chair of Federated, and the chair of West Festival. Deb Hughes made a motion, and Cathy Thacker seconded, to approve Judy Harper as the overall chair of Federated and Becky Bonham as West chair. The motion was approved. This would mean that Susan would not be on the Executive Board any longer, and Pam would like to keep her on, so she is appointing her as a Member-at-Large. Becky brought up an awards system for Festival, and Pam also has suggestions for changes, so emails will be sent out with further information. Discussion will ensue in August. Send any suggestions you may have to Pam by mid-May. Non-Piano instruments in different Festivals have become an issue also. Rules need to be clarified in writing regarding if teachers can belong to a different group than the one that they place a student in, and also as to whether or not awards can be spread. Pam will check into the rules for State, and then we can clarify our rules. She will send an email in a few weeks. Mary Ann McTier suggested putting a Festival notation. Becky Bonham added that the Technothon and Hymnfest mentioned in the March newsletter were cancelled due to Covid-19. Deb Hughes mentioned the GA NFMC scholarships were not being applied

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for and encouraged teachers to apply. Regarding the budget, Cathy wants to add $100 to the Honorarium for speakers next year. Mary Ann McTier made a motion to approve, and Chris Morrow and Debbie Murphy seconded it. It passed. Gloria had a list of charges to her credit card that were for GCMTA. Deb Hughes made a motion and Susan Andrews seconded, to reimburse Gloria, which passed. In regards to Festival, Cathy Thacker made a motion to make a change to two rules: 1) Scheduled playing times will be returned to the teacher as soon as possible after registration. Under NO circumstances should teachers request a change in the schedule or make schedule changes among their students after the schedule has been mailed out. 2) All registration fees are non-refundable. Susan seconded the motion, and it was passed. There is an important change in venue for next school year, as we will no longer meet at Grace Bible Church, but at Lawrenceville First Baptist Church.

***Good of Order:*** Eva Bone congratulated Pam on her new album. She also mentioned that when using Facetime, there is an ability for young children that adds animal pictures to your face, and her students have loved it. Lois Simon mentioned that she is a member of a Virtual Music room on Facebook that has virtual stickers and certificates for students.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

***Attendance:*** Pam Asberry, Cathy Thacker, Gloria Park, Chris Morrow, Becky Bonham, Robin Engleman, Yumi Patterson, Deb Hughes, Lois Simon, Debbie Murphy, Eva Bone, Susan Andrews, Michelle Peck, Tina Darden, Beth Wise, Mary Ann McTier