**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**August 26, 2020**

**Online meeting via Zoom**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am. Pam welcomed everyone and encouraged teachers in their online teaching during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The program for September 23rd with Dr. Grace Wong will be online. The October and November programs are uncertain at this point whether or not they will be in-person or via Zoom due to Covid.

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

***Treasurers Report: Treasurer—Gloria Park*** The budget was sent to members, discussed and approved.

***Committee Reports:***

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

***Anti-Trust: Mary Ann McTier*** No report, but Mary Ann suggest merging this in with another officer since there is not much involved.

***Certification: Robin Engleman***  Stephanie Freeman achieved Permanent Status for National Certification. Robin asked Stephanie to write a paragraph for the newsletter, and she read what Stephanie had written.

***Directory/Internet Liaison: Julie Smith*** Julie has stepped down as chairperson. Pam will figure out who will take over the position. When chairs update the website they should copy both Pam and Jonny (jonnyp320@gmail.com). Reports should be updated as soon as possible.

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***Federated Festivals: Judy Harper*** She is in the process of receiving the dues. Registration is due by September 15th online.

***West: Becky Bonham*** The date for the 2021 Festival is March 6th at Berean Baptist Church in Lilburn.

***Central: Michelle Peck*** All checks have been received for Sr. dues. She spoke with someone from State about possibly doing it online.

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** The date for the 2021 Festival is February 20th, which is a bit later than normal. All Sr. dues have been paid.

***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** The event is scheduled at PianoWorks on February 13th, but may be held virtually due to Covid. Registration deadline is January 15th. The fee is $25. No GATE test is required.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** The GATE is cancelled. GMTA fee increased to $15. Logistics will be difficult due to Covid. She proposed moving the date back or having the test site elsewhere. Ideas were discussed of what to do. If Music Day is virtual then we won’t be able to do it. Best suggestion is to do one level at a time a set time. October 4th is the deadline for a decision.

***Hospitality: Tina Darden***  No report

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** The 2020 event was the last event that we held, and it went online with Pam’s help. Since it is small, typically 15 students, it is ideal to do online. The date will be mid to late April. Yumi is prepared to do it online again if needed. Pam suggested setting a date at PianoWorks in case we can do it in-person. Suggestions were made of how to hold auditions. It was noted that PianoWorks charges $10 per hour for a practice room that allows recording.

***MED/PED Scholarships: Cathy Thacker*** No one met the 2020 qualifications. The new deadline is May 1st, 2021.

***Member-at-large: Susan Andrews*** No report

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***Membership: Deb Hughes*** No report, but Deb encouraged teachers to attend meetings virtually. It is alright to pass the Zoom link along to individuals privately.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier***  At the State meeting it was decided the 2021 convention will be held online. Local chapters should donate gift cards instead of baskets. GMTA awards should be funded that way. MTNA Foundation will be funded by ticket purchases to win a piano bench donated by PianoWorks.

***Music Day: Patti Bennett*** The event will be held on November 14th. Submit registration online by October 9th. The fee is $22. The judges names were given. Judging most likely will be online. Pam would create a private GCMTA channel where videos would be sent. Only judges would see the links. Since 200 entries would be expected, several teachers would have to help, or a tech person would need to be hired. The judges’ job would be more difficult because of this, so they would need to be paid more. Teachers should check the website for rules. Cathy Thacker made a motion to limit participation to grades 4-12 this year. Mary Ann McTier seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority.

***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** There is a need of a violin teacher in Alpharetta. Let Nora know if you are interested.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Deadline for submissions is the first of each month.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** We will be unable to make arrangements until October for a December event.

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

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** A plan will be made to announce the 2020 TOTY. The deadline is September 14th in order for her to be included in the State TOTY.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:*** Cathy Thacker brought up the rule about those students who place/win in High School competition in Festival who cannot compete again. Discussion ensued about the rule. Cathy proposed changing the rule to allowing those who place second and third place can win again, with a limit of two times.

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Mary Ann McTier made a motion to change the rule, and Chris Morrow seconded. The motion passed to change to rule. The Advisory Committee revised the Procedural Manual. It must be voted on two weeks later, so it will be emailed out. Cathy Thacker proposed raising Audition fees from $25 to $30 to match the National dues, but the idea was decided against.

***Good of Order:*** Chris Morrow announced the engagement of her daughter. Pam Asberry’s son graduated college this summer and has a good job opportunity. GFMC State has yet to decide if they will meet virtually or not. Duets may or may not be permitted. Facebook has a room online for lessons. Chris also mentioned the Rock Out Loud Live app that has been created specifically for virtual music lessons.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 11:44.

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