**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association \*\***

**September 23, 2020—9:45 a.m.**

**Online meeting via Zoom**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am. Pam welcomed everyone and thanked teachers for maintaining their cool while teaching during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The program for October will be David Watkins talking about Beethoven’s transition from the Classical Period to the Romantic Period. All attendees will be entered into a drawing for special door prizes relating to Beethoven to commemorate the 250th anniversary of his birth.

***Secretary—Chris Morrow*** Minutes stand approved as posted.

***Treasurer—Gloria Park*** The budget was approved.

***Committee Reports:***

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

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

***Certification: Robin Engleman***  Robin has asked Nationally Certified teachers to write a paragraph in the newsletter. Stephanie Freeman wrote one in September, and Cathy Thacker will write one for the October newsletter.

***Directory/Internet Liason: Julie Smith*** Julie has stepped down as chair, but Pam feels that we are okay without a chair for the moment.

***Federated Festivals: Judy Harper***  The changes voted on by the Executive Board were listed.

***West: Becky Bonham*** Registration went well and all teachers were successful. 250 students are expected on March 6, 2021.

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***Central: Michelle Peck*** Michelle will soon attend an NFMC meeting on the national online Festival system. She is not sure yet if the event will be online or not. The judges are fine with online or in-person. She has heard from all participating teachers except for one.

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** The date for the 2021 Festival is February 20th.  It will possibly be online. She has collected dues from Juniors and Seniors. She is working on a new program.

***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.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** The GCMTA EB voted to cancel the GMTA test. The GMTA EB voted to cancel the GATE.

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

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** The event is scheduled at PianoWorks on April 17, 2021.

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

***MED/PED Scholarships: Cathy Thacker*** Cathy reminded everyone about this opportunity. The deadline is May 1st, 2021, and requirements are posted on the website.

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

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Deb encouraged teachers to invite others to attend meetings virtually by sending them our Zoom link privately. She also urges teachers to write one thing about why GCMTA is valuable to you. Email it to her (bndhughes@comcast.net) by October 10th to be entered into a drawing. Winner will be announced at the October meeting.

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***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier***  At the State meeting it was decided the 2020 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 virtual via video. Only grades 4-12 will be allowed to participate this year. Videos will be sent to Pam. Teachers will need to send Comment sheets over. Discussion ensued regarding how deal with copies of music for the judges. Kathy Dawal has updated the registration form on the website.

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

***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. Dates would be either December 5th or 12th, depending on Von Mauer. Discussion ensued about postponing it until Spring, but no final decisions were made.

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

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** Eva read recommendations and virtually honored Patti Bennett, our 2020 Teacher of the Year.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:***  GCMTA was offered a refund of their advertising cost in the GMTA conference program book because the conference will be held online and there will be no book. GCMTA paid for advertising and our ads will appear in the newsletters, but not the program book. Cathy Thacker moved and Chris Morrow seconded to donate the money to GMTA. Motion passed. A nominating committee was appointed consisting of Cathy Thacker, Eva Bone and Mary Ann McTier. All chairs need to prepared to send an updated job description and send it to Cathy by early 2021.

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***Good of Order:*** Pam mentioned receiving an email about playing piano for a wedding that turned out to be a scam. Teachers should be aware.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

***Attendance:*** Pam Asberry, Cathy Thacker, Gloria Park, Chris Morrow, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Lois Simon, Debbie Murphy, Eva Bone, Susan Andrews, Michelle Peck, Tina Darden, Beth Wise, Mary Ann McTier, Judy Harper, Jean Mann, Jenny McCormick, Kathy Dawal, Kimber Kwatkowski, Marcia Rygh