**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association**

**October 28, 2020—9:45 a.m.**

**Online meeting via Zoom**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 9:48 am. Pam welcomed everyone and reminded teachers that the November meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (the 18th) instead of the 4th, due to Thanksgiving.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The program for November will consist of Dr. Martha Thomas and Dr. Pete Jutras talking about how to prepare students to play Debussy.

***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 enjoyed Cathy Thacker’s report about her certification in the October newsletter. Robin will be posting another teacher report in the November newsletter.

***Directory/Internet Liason:*** No report

***Federated Festivals: Judy Harper*** Discussion took place regarding the bulletin not arriving in a timely manner from NFMC. Festival may be virtual, but preferably not recorded. The chairs will make the decision, and information will follow. GFMC does have recordings of the new songs added to the Bulletin on their website. PianoWorks has the music categorized on their website for those who have not received or ordered their Bulletins yet.

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***West: Becky Bonham*** No report, but she did encourage teachers to be getting their students ready for Festival.

***Central: Michelle Peck*** No report

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** Beth Ann encouraged teachers to order the new Bulletin if they haven’t already.

***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** The event will be held via video submission. The dates to upload the video are February 8-13, 2021. Results will be posted on February 16th. PianoWorks will be renting out the Performance Hall for recording purposes for $50/hour. Please contact Derek for details. Jiyeon will be contacting Pam regarding using the GCMTA YouTube channel for uploading videos, and information will be sent to teachers.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** No report

***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 welcomed Megan Palma, who introduced herself. She is the Membership Chair for NFMC. We have two other new members who were not in attendance, but Deb welcomed Dr. Sunha Kim and Heather Henry and listed their locations and the instruments they teach. GCMTA currently has 107 members on the online roster. Deb had asked teachers last month to send her a sentence about the benefits of

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GCMTA. She read the entries and drew Kimber Kwiatkowski’s name. Music and Arts contributed a $20 gift card for the prize, and Deb sent them a thank you note.

***MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards: Mary Ann McTier***  GCMTA will donate a $100 Amazon eGift card to the raffle for the GMTA 2020 Virtual Conference. The proceeds that are raised from the raffle go towards student scholarships.

***Music Day: Patti Bennett*** The event will be virtual via video. Videos may be submitted anytime before November 13th at midnight. Questions were fielded regarding how many times the judges will be allowed to view each video. No definite amount was stated, but rules will be the same for all judges.

***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** There are two students approved and waiting a willing teacher, a 12 year old boy in Roswell who needs in-person violin lessons; and a 9 year old girl from Bonaire, GA who needs online voice lessons. Every teacher will need to register as a volunteer on the ML website (www.musiclinkfoundation.org) and is required to provide info for a background check (required of all ML teachers) and provide at least a 50% reduction in tuition for as long as the student is eligible for the program and wants to take lessons. MusicLink will expedite the registrations and approval for any new student registration due to Covid. Just mention “Covid” when registering. For families or teachers who are in serious financial need, please call or email Nora Martin for additional helps. Nora’s Model 65 6’5” walnut Knabe grand is for sale. Great piano for a student, school or church, at a great price.

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

***Performance Day: Lois Simon*** Pam is cancelling the event due to Covid. Lois hopes we can do an event in the Spring at Café Rotham. There would be microphones and possibilities for ensemble performances there, so it would be a nice venue.

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

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** No report

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***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:***  None

***Good of Order:*** Jean Mann had back surgery, with 4 steel rods put in her back. Please keep her, as well as others struggling with health issues, in your thoughts and prayers.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:33.

***Attendance:*** Pam Asberry, Cathy Thacker, Gloria Park, Chris Morrow, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Lois Simon, Debbie Murphy, Susan Andrews, Tina Darden, Beth Ann Wise, Mary Ann McTier, Kathy Dawal, Kimber Kwatkowski, Mary Dekkers, Jiyeon Kwak, Megan Palma, Nora Martin