**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association**

**January 27, 2021—9:45 a.m.**

**Online meeting via Zoom**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 9:52 am. Pam welcomed everyone to the meeting.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** The officers and committee chairs were reminded to update their job descriptions and send them to her at [csbt88@gmail.com](mailto:csbt88@gmail.com). Portia Hawkins will be the February program speaker, presenting a program about African-American composers.

***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

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

***Federated Festivals: Judy Harper*** The registration deadline is February 6th for all Festivals. It must be decided at that time whether the student is doing Online or in-person. This cannot be changed once decided. There will be a Google Meet on February 6th at 11:00 with instructions for how to submit videos. Teachers have been sent a link to join if they desire to, and may share with parents if they would like to do so. There are only 100 “seats” available, so please sign up as soon as possible.Written instructions are available from the Chairs. Also, if you do not receive a receipt after registering, please check your Spam folder before contacting Kathy Dawal.

***West: Becky Bonham*** The event will be held on March 6th.

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***Central: Michelle Peck*** The event date is April 17th. Please see the recent email from Michelle with very important details about the changes this year.

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** As of now, the event is postponed until May 1st because of no confirmed date from the church. A PowerPoint presentation will be shown to the church soon regarding how to hold this event during Covid, and it is her hope that this will alleviate some concerns and that they will give us a date.

***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** The event date is February13th. It will be held through Video Submissions (YouTube) only. Videos submission deadline is February 11th. Results will be posted via email on February 16th. 13 teachers and 40 students are participating. The judges are Lois Finlay and David Watkins, and they have all the information regarding evaluation sheets. They prefer all files to be virtual, so teachers will receive the completed evaluations in PDF form via email. When submitting, it is very important to follow the instructions step by step. If you have any trouble or questions, contact Jiyeon. She should be contacted first with any issues—please do not go to State. After results are posted trophies will be ordered and should be picked up, along with Certificates, at her home. Contact her first and she will leave them outside her door for you. She wanted to shorten the Music Teachers Association to MTA to fit onto the trophies and certificates better, and asked if a vote was needed. Cathy Thacker and Susan Andrews said no vote was needed.

***GMTA/GATE Theory: Debbie Murphy*** The test is cancelled for 2021.

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

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** The event is scheduled for April 17, 2021, and will be video only. It will be done in a Recital format so others may view it this year. The application deadline is March 12th, and is to be sent only by the teachers, not students. Once submitted, details on how to submit videos and music will be sent to the teacher via email. Music should have measures numbered and be photocopied. Suggestions were made by Mary Ann McTier and Pam Asberry to use the Adobe Scan app or the Scanner Pro app to make things easier when scanning and copying music.

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***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.

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***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Deb said that in a recent polling, members had declared that the meetings are one of the most important assets of being a part of our organization and encouraged everyone to mention this aspect of GCMTA to prospective members. Please share the meeting link with any teachers you wish to invite.

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

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

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

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** Deadline for submissions is the first of each month. Officers, please remember to submit a report to her if you have one.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon***  Lois hopes we can do an event in the Spring at Café Rotham, but it will depend on Covid.

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

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** No nominations were received, so the deadline for submissions has been extended to February 28th, as voted on by the TOTY committee,

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:***  None

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***Good of Order:*** GFMC Continuing Education Scholarship money can now be given to the teacher of the winning student instead of only going to Music Camp or Festivals.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:34, followed by a discussion among teachers about online recitals and performances.

***Attendance:*** Pam Asberry, Cathy Thacker, Gloria Park, Chris Morrow, Deb Hughes, Lois Simon, Debbie Murphy, Susan Andrews, Beth Ann Wise, Mary Ann McTier, Kimber Kwatkowski, Yumi Patterson, Melissa Slocum, Tina Darden, Eva Bone, Megan Palma, Mary Dekkers, Jiyeon Kwak