**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association**

**March 24, 2021—9:45 a.m.**

**Online meeting via Zoom**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 10:57 am. Pam welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked and congratulated students who participated in the Masterclass, as well as Dr. Jerico Vasquez, the guest clinician.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** Cathy proposed meeting for the May luncheon at an outdoor park in Gwinnett County. A vote was taken, and the idea was approved by the majority. Details will follow next month.

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

***Treasurer—Gloria Park*** The budget was approved., with some questions about surplus amounts on the Festival fees for West. The surplus is due to payment for State fees not being submitted yet and Covid’s affecting of how the Festival takes place. The issue will be addressed in the April Executive Board meeting.

***Committee Reports:***

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

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

***Certification: Robin Engleman*** No report except to mention that a new member, Diana Cleland has joined, and she is nationally certified.

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

***Federated Festivals: Judy Harper*** No report

***West: Becky Bonham*** The event went very smoothly, with no glitches in the videos. The videos were finished in their entirety on that day. There was a regular lab set up with 6 laptops and 6 headphones borrowed from the church.

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The church tech guy, Troy Thompson, spent the day there and oversaw the process. It looked very modern, and was commented on by many for the professional setup. Parents appreciated the CDC guidelines for Covid being observed. 179 students received Superiors, 11 received Excellent, 2 were Comments Only, and 10 will play in other Festivals. There were over 50 video submissions included in these totals. Scholarship winners for Piano, Voice and Flute were listed. Becky thanked the wonderful crew of Berean Baptist church, Troy Thompson, Susan Andrews, Deb Hughes, and Cathy Thacker for all of their help and encouragement during this process.

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** The event is confirmed for May 1st. 100 students will participate in-person and 68 virtually.

***Central: Michelle Peck*** The event date is April 17th. Michelle said everything is on track. The schedule and letters were emailed to teachers.

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

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

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

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** 14 students entered the event, which is video-only. April 14th is the deadline to submit videos. The judge is B.J. Sutherland.

***MED/PED Scholarships: Cathy Thacker*** Cathy reminded everyone about this opportunity. The deadline is May 1st, 2021, and requirements are posted on the website. It is a $500 scholarship.

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

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Deb officially welcomed Diana Cleland, a new NCTM. She has her Masters degree, teaches in a school and is just starting her Studio.

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

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

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

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy*** There will be no April newsletter. The next submission date is May 1st.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon***  No report

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

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** The officers are in the process of selecting the new TOTY. The announcement will be made at the May luncheon.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:***  Cathy presented the slate of 2021-23 officers for a vote, and the vote passed. The new officers will be installed at the May meeting. The new officers are:

President – Cathy Thacker, NCTM

President-Elect – Gloria Park

Secretary – Debbie Murphy

Treasurer – Robin Engleman, NCTM

***Good of Order:*** Debbie Murphy mentioned that there is a church in Lawrenceville looking for a Music Director. Please message her if you are interested. Deb Hughes mentioned the NFMC scholarship May 1st deadline. The scholarship is $600, which can go to a teacher. Mary Ann McTier mentioned that Jenny McCormick is retiring from teaching at the end of April due to back problems. She is still interested in being an accompanist, if anyone has need of one.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 11:26.

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***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, Tina Darden, Mary Dekkers, Judy Harper, Robin Engleman, Kathy Dawal, Diana Cleland, Suzanne Woodrum