**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association**

**April 28, 2021—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 to the meeting. She hopes that beginning in August we can resume meeting in person.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** Our May 19th meeting will take place at Pavilion #1 in Alexander Park located at 800 Old Snellville Hwy. The 2021 Teacher of the Year will be announced first. Afterward, we will have a brief business meeting where new officers will be installed. Then we will enjoy social time while eating a boxed lunch from Panera. Cathy also would like to know if the Executive Board would like to meet on Zoom for the August meeting. Members, please let her know. The meetings for the 2021-22 year will take place at Lawrenceville First Baptist Church, located at 165 South Clayton Street in Lawrenceville. We will meet in their choir suite, which has chairs spaced for social distancing. The room has a nice Kawai KG-1 grand piano.

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

***Treasurer—Gloria Park*** The budget was approved, and the proposed budget for 2021-22 will be discussed under new business.

***Committee Reports:***

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

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

***Certification: Robin Engleman*** Only 16 of our members are nationally certified, so Robin encouraged teachers to pursue certification.

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

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

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***West: Becky Bonham*** No report

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** The event is May 1st. We have many virtual students, so it has been a lot of work preparing. Beth thanked Judy for her hard work and help.

***Central: Michelle Peck*** The event was held on April 17th. We had approximately 250 entrants in several events including: Piano Solo, Piano Duet, concerto, strings, clarinet, voice and Piano hymn playing. About one third were virtual. We hired 2 groups of judges, one for in-person and one for virtual. The virtual judges had 5 days to complete the adjudication. All of the Central teachers have received their scores and rating sheets. Please double check your Master List and let Michelle know if it is correct. Thanks to all of our great teachers for a great Festival experience!

***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** Next year’s event will be at PianoWorks on February 12th. Cathy said Regional Auditions will be video from now on.

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

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

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** 15 students and 9 teachers entered the event. B.J. Sutherland was the judge. Winners were announced, and teachers congratulated. Yumi thanked Pam for all of her help on the technological end. Gloria asked teachers to let her know where to send the winners checks.

***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 gave a summary of what her job is as Chairperson. A question was raised about why we have 116 teacher names on our GCMTA website while only 85 names are listed on the State website. We actually only have 85 GCMTA members, so she went through and listed names of those inactive teachers, and all present gave input about the names given. Some moved, some passed away, others have joined different chapters.

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

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

***MusicLink: Nora Martin*** The MusicLink website offers an “Alliance Partner” link that provides an exchange of website links between a group and MusicLink. Nora proposed joining GCMTA as a Business Partner on their website. To do this, our group would agree to post the ML link on our website and in our newsletters. She would post a short article about ML a few times a year. Chris Morrow made a motion to approve this link. The motion was seconded by Lois Simon and passed.

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy***  The next submission date is May 1st.

***Performance Day: Lois Simon***  Lois has some ideas about ensembles at Café Rotham, but we will have to see what happens with Covid.

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

***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** The announcement will be made at the May 19th luncheon.

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:***  Mary Ann McTier asked if we should broaden the parameters for the MED/PED scholarship since we have not had many applicants. It was agreed that any unused money would not enlarge the next year’s scholarship. She also asked about making the fees for Festival and Music Day the same, and this was discussed. It was decided to leave prices as they are for now. Gloria Park mentioned that the meeting space cost will increase next year. Deb Hughes pointed out a newsletter budget item that is no longer being utilized. Budget questions were asked and answered. Cathy Thacker listed the dates for next year’s meetings at our new location, Lawrenceville First Baptist Church. Natalie Hardy mentioned that the directory needs to be updated. Gloria said that is in the process of being updated. Mary Ann mentioned that the website is not secure, and will contact Kathy Dawal and Jonny Park about this. Deb Hughes asked

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about the possibility of creating a Keyboard Ensemble event, but Pam said that could be a future event, not this next year due to Covid. Pam encouraged Deb to reach out to colleagues to form a committee for the future.

***Good of Order:*** The State Conference will be November 4-6th at Piedmont College. When you register you will receive the banquet for free. They are looking for people to help with expanding the Theory test. Please see Cathy Thacker about this. Pam said that Senior Certificates are on the website. Deb Hughes mentioned that renewals are happening now for MTNA.

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 11:17.

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