**Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association**

**May19, 2021—10:00 a.m.**

**Alexander Park, Snellville, GA**

***Welcome and Opening:***

***President:*** ***Pam*** ***Asberry*** The meeting was called to order at 10:09. Pam thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve GCMTA the last two years. We overcame many challenges thanks to the dedication of this fine group of teachers. Please read her Farewell article in the May newsletter.

***President-Elect: Cathy Thacker*** Programs for next year are listed in the May newsletter.

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

***Treasurer—Gloria Park*** The budget was emailed to the membership and will be voted on under New Business.

***Committee Reports:***

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

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

***Certification: Robin Engleman*** Robin recognized the teachers who are Nationally Certified and encouraged those who are not certified to explore the requirements.

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

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

***West: Becky Bonham*** The date for next year’s event is February 26, 2022.

***North: Beth Ann Wise*** No report

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

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***GMTA Auditions: Jiyeon Kwak*** Next year’s event will be at PianoWorks on February 12th. See the May newsletter for details.

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

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

***Jr/Sr. Scholarship Auditions: Yumi Patterson*** No report

***MED/PED Scholarships: Cathy Thacker*** Cathy announced that there were two candidates for the Scholarship this year. The MED/PED committee decided to award both candidates, Sydney Mallory, student of Susan Andrews, and Savannah Greene, student of Debbie Murphy, the scholarship this year. Each student will receive $500. This was a one-time decision based on the fact that both students are very deserving, and we truly want to encourage our students to pursue music education and pedagogy degrees in college. Gloria has mailed checks to the teachers.

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

***Membership: Deb Hughes*** Deb introduced our newest member, Diana Cleland, who received a warm welcome from the group. Membership cards are available to anyone who may want to give them out as an invitation to other teachers to join GCMTA.

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

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

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

***Newsletter: Natalie Hardy***  No report

***Performance Day: Lois Simon***  There are no plans in place, as of now, for a Fall event, but we would like to expand the event to include Café Rotham in Duluth when possible.

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

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***Teacher of the Year: Eva Bone*** Cathy Thacker recognized last year’s recipient, Patti Bennett, who did not receive formal recognition in 2020 due to the Pandemic. Congratulations to Patti! After reading the letters of recommendation, the Teacher of the Year for 2021 was awarded to Mary Ann McTier. Congratulations to Mary Ann!

***Unfinished Business:*** None

***New Business:***  Gloria Park emailed the proposed 2021-2022 budget, which was approved. Susan Andrews installed the slate of new officers for 2021-2023. Cathy Thacker presented outgoing President Pam Asberry with a plaque and gift bag and thanked her for her dedication and service to GCMTA for the last two years.

***Good of Order:*** None

 ***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 10:54 and was followed by a picnic lunch catered by Panera Bread.

***Attendance:*** Pam Asberry, Cathy Thacker, Gloria Park, Deb Hughes, Lois Simon, Debbie Murphy, Susan Andrews, Mary Ann McTier, Robin Engleman, Jiyeon Kwak, Natalie Hardy, Tina Hughes, Joanna Kim, Tammy Stroup (Collegiate member/UNG), Kimber Kwiatkowski, Patti Bennett, Diane Cleland, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Yumi Patterson