**GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**September 22, 2021**

**Lawrenceville First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, GA.**

**OFFICER’S​ ​REPORTS:**

**President​** ​–​ ​Cathy Thacker – The meeting was called to order at 9:51a.m. Cathy reminded members about the GMTA State Conference at Piedmont University, Demorest, GA, on November 4-6. Every paid full registration (not one day) comes with a free banquet ticket. Pam Asberry and Debra Hughes from GCMTA will be presenting programs at the conference. GCMTA will help provide snacks at the conference, so Cathy asked for members to bring individually wrapped items (such as protein bars, nuts, dried fruit, or pastries) and/or small water bottles or cans of soft drinks to the October meeting. She also reminded the group about the GMTA podcast series.

Cathy extended condolences to Pam Asberry on the recent death of her mother and to Nora Martin on the recent death of her father. She reminded the members to be aware of each other’s’ needs and to be an encouragement.

Cathy told the group that Maggie Frick will be stepping down as the Newsletter Editor after November’s issue and asked that people consider volunteering for this important job.

​**President-Elect** – Gloria Park – Gloria gave a ​​brief overview of upcoming meetings, and a reminder that the November meeting is the 3rd Wednesday instead of 4th Wednesday.

**Secretary**—Debbie Murphy – Minutes stand approved as posted on the website.

**Treasurer**​ ​–​ ​Robin Engleman – The Financial report was emailed to the membership. No changes were submitted.

**COMMITTEE​ ​REPORTS**:

**Advisory**​ – Pam Asberry – No report

**Anti -Trust**​ ​– Mary Ann McTier – There was law suit regarding equal opportunity years ago that resulted in new guidelines regarding not discussing our pricing among one another. She will put together some guidelines soon.

**Certification**​ ​– Robin Engleman – No report

**Digital Resources** – Kathy Dawal – If anyone has problems registering for Music Day or editing their registrations, please contact Kathy Dawal. Watch the newsletter for further instructions for those submitting virtual performances.

**Directory/Internet Liaison**​ – Kimber Kwiatkowski – No report

**Federated​ ​Festivals**​ – Judy Harper – No report

**West District** – Becky Bonam – No report

**Central​ District** ​– Michelle Peck – No report

**North District** ​–​ Beth Ann Wise – Teacher’s Junior (students) Club Application, Dues, and Junior Club Roster is due no later than **October 15**. The application and roster are to be filled out and Junior dues paid by credit card online at **georgianfmc.org**.  Click on Festivals, Festival Forms, then JR Club Membership to open the form.  You can refer to the August Newsletter or website if any questions in filling it out. This must be done by **October 15** or there will be a late fee.  Remember that only students that pay dues are eligible to participate in Festival.  You can add students later, but you can’t enter students that are not on your final roster. Once you receive your receipt from GFMC, it is very important to forward that receipt **and** your roster to your festival Chair. Hard copy applications/checks are not acceptable.

​**GMTA​ ​Auditions**​ ​– Jiyeon Kwak – No changes for Auditions. See the newsletter and the website for details.

**GMTA/GATE Theory** –​ ​Rie Hosoi – The **GMTA THEORY TEST** will be given November 13, 2021 at Music Day. The Exam Fee is $10 per student. The location is Duluth First Baptist Church, Duluth, GA.

Application deadline (Online Only) is October 1, 2021. Application information and sample tests can be found at GMTA's website. Rie requested 6 - 8 CD players be loaned for testing day as well as pencils and erasers. Please email her if you can help. (Deb Hughes offered to loan a CD player.) **GATE** will be given at Local Auditions on February 12, 2022. The Exam Fee is $10 per student. The location is PianoWorks, Duluth, GA.

The Registration deadline (Online Only) is January 15, 2022. Application information and sample tests can be found at GMTA’s website.

**Hospitality**​ ​– Tina Hughes – Tina introduced and thanked Whitney from Music & Arts Center, Lawrenceville location for today’s refreshments. Whitney shared that Teacher Appreciation Day is the 1st Monday each month. Teachers receive 30% discount. Whitney also shared that Music & Arts Center is looking for two piano teachers and one string teacher.

**Junior/Senior​ ​Scholarship​ ​Audition**​ ​– Yumi Patterson – Junior-Senior Scholarship is scheduled for April 16, 2022, at PianoWorks recital hall. The deadline for the application is Friday, March 11. Please check the application procedure and the eligibility at our website, gcmta.org

**MED/PED Scholarship** – Gloria Park – Cathy Thacker gave an overview of the scholarship and encouraged teachers to enter. Application deadline is May 1, 2022.

**Member at Large**​​ –​ Susan Andrews – No report

**Membership**​​ –​ Deb Hughes – All new members received a welcome email and personal phone call welcoming them to GCMTA. New calling cards have been purchased that each member can offer as an invitation to prospective new members or place at music stores/schools. New members to GCMTA are: Theresa Pellicer - Lawrenceville (piano), Judith Tope - Grayson (piano, voice); Heather McAllister - Lawrenceville (piano, voice), Elizabeth Oh - Duluth (piano), Heawoon Skilling - Johns Creek (piano, voice), Yanni Chan - Norcross (piano), Timothy Jones - Norcross (piano, organ), and Debbie Heimberger - Snellville (piano). There are at least two additional new members, Eunju Yeo and Hyun Jo, who have joined GCMTA, who are waiting for their membership to become official.

**Music​ ​Day​** ​–​ ​Patti Bennett – Music Day will be a Hybrid event this year. October 1st is the application deadline. Virtual performance videos are due Tuesday, 11/9/21. Please go to the website for all the instructions and information. Remember, teachers must work the day of the event. If you have questions about the technology aspect of registration, please contact Kathy Dawal. Teachers can make changes online, but changes must be done by the application deadline. Safety protocols (MTNA guidelines) are listed on the GCMTA website. Products for sanitizing have been purchased.

**Music Link** – Nora Martin – Nora explained what Music Link is about and the benefits to teachers. There is a MusicLink student waiting for a teacher in the area around Simonton Road Elementary School. She is in middle school now and had prior lessons but has been out of lessons for at least two years, maybe three. If anyone is interested, they should contact Nora Martin at 770-861-4283.

**MTNA​ ​Foundation/GMTA​ ​Awards**​ ​– Mary Ann McTier – Mary Ann explained the different scholarship funds that will be collected at GMTA conference (Nov. 4-6). Donations go toward student scholarships.

She is collecting items for the GCMTA basket and will be accepting gifts through October. One of the MTNA Foundation awards is a hydraulic piano bench donated by PianoWorks.

**Newsletter**​ ​– Maggie Frick – Cathy Thacker reminded everyone the deadline is the 1st of the month.

**Performance​ ​Day**​ ​– Lois Simon – No report

​**Publicity (Social Media)** ​– (No Chair) – No report

**Teacher​ ​of​ ​the​ ​Year​** ​– Pam Asberry – The TOTY nominations are due 12/31. Details are on the website.

**Old​ ​Business** – None

**New​ ​Business** – None

**Good​ ​of​ ​the Order** – Mary Marshall cautioned teachers to beware of email scams. Nora Martin mentioned she has many music related items for sale since closing her studio. Please contact her or see the post on the GCMTA Facebook page. Cathy Thacker mentioned Valencia Giles is looking for piano teachers for her music school in Suwanee.

**Motion​ ​to​ ​Adjourn –** Cathy Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10:30a.m.

**Attendees**:

Cathy Thacker

Eunju Yeo

Nora Martin

Ngan Nei (Yanni) Chan

Kimber Kwiatkowski

Hyun Jo

Yulia Soboleva

Nancy Morris

Deb Hughes

Gloria Park

Mary Marshall Dekkers

Beth Ann Wise

Judith Tope

Patti Bennett

Timothy Jones

Mary Ann McTier

Tina Darden

Susan Andrews

Elizabeth Oh

Debbie Murphy

Guest: Whitney from Music & Arts Center