**GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**October 27, 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.  Pam Asberry and Debra Hughes from GCMTA will be presenting programs at the conference.  GCMTA will help provide snacks at the conference and will be manning the hospitality area on Thursday afternoon.

Cathy told the group that Diana Cleland will take over the Newsletter Editor position from Maggie Frick, who moved away from Gwinnett County.

​**President-Elect** – Gloria Park – Gloria reminded everyone that the November meeting is earlier than other monthly meetings. It will be held on November 17th, and Dr. Raffi Besalyan will present his program, “How Music is Taught in Russia.”

**Secretary** – Debbie Murphy – The minutes for the September meeting are posted on the GCMTA website. There were no corrections. The September minutes are approved.

**Treasurer**​ ​–​ ​Robin Engleman – The financial report was emailed to the membership and stands approved.

Robin talked to Kathy Dawal to request an update to the online financial form regarding reimbursement. Committee chairs can submit reimbursement requests online and it will come directly to Robin.

**COMMITTEE​ ​REPORTS**:

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

**Anti-Trust**​ ​– Mary Ann McTier – No report

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

**Digital Resources** – Kathy Dawal – No report

**Directory/Internet** ​– Kimber Kwaitkowski – No report

**Federated​ ​Festivals**​ – Judy Harper – Judy gave an overview for a meeting Michelle Peck will host in January for the Vivace registration system. January 29, 2022 is the application deadline for all GCMTA Federated Festivals. Judy reminded everyone of the dates for each festival district: North is March 26, 2022; West is February 26, 2022; Central is March 5, 2022.

**North** ​–​ Beth Ann Wise – All the North Federated teachers paid dues successfully and filled out applications for their students to play at Festival on March 26, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Duluth. We will have a Zoom meeting (TBA) instructing all the teachers how to enter the information on their students for Festival in the new Vivace system.

**West** – Becky Bonam – Junior registration went well. Becky is in the process of securing judges and having success. We are hoping to have a live event, but Troy Thompson has been secured for West to be with us that day if we need to offer online entries.

**Central**​ ​– Michelle Peck – Michelle will host a Zoom tutorial for all teachers in all districts (Central/West/North) on how to use Vivace.  Vivace is the new system where we will register our students for Festival from now on.  Please stay tuned for the date regarding this training and for the registration deadline.  Both the date of the training and the registration deadline will be in January 2022.

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**GMTA​ ​Auditions**​ ​– Jiyeon Kwak – The date for Local Auditions is February 12, 2022. It will be held at Piano Works in Duluth. Registration is online only, and the Registration Deadline is January 15, 2022.

The fees are:

For member teachers - $25.00 per student entered

Nonmember application fee - $75.00 per student, with a onetime nonmember teacher fee of $35.00

Other information:

1. Each participating teacher must work the day of the Audition. Teachers entering 1-5 students must work ½ day. Teachers entering 6 or more students must work all day.

The students of teachers that do not work the day of the audition will be disqualified from OP status and will get comments only. (Substitutions will be permitted, within reason.)

2. The member dues must be paid by the application deadline, January 15, 2022.

**GMTA/GATE Theory** –​ ​Rie Hosoi – There are 17 students registered for the GMTA theory exam this year. Rie announced that she needs 5-6 CD players for the ear training portion of the exam. Please contact her if you can loan a CD player.

**GMTA THEORY TEST**

**Date:** November 13, 2021

**Exam Fee:** $10 per student

**Location:** Duluth First Baptist Church, Duluth, GA

**Application Deadline (Online Only):** October 1, 2021

**APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

\*Registration for the **GMTA Theory Test** is only available **online** at GMTA's website: <http://georgiamta.org/>

\*Students may take the same test or the next level. Sample tests can be found on the GMTA Website.

**GATE (Georgia Auditions Theory Examination):**

**Date:** February 12, 2022

**Exam Fee:** $10 per student

**Location:** PianoWorks, Duluth, GA

**Registration Deadline (Online Only):** January 15, 2022

**APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

Registration for the **GMTA Theory Test** is only available **ONLINE** at the GMTA website: <http://georgiamta.org/>

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**Hospitality**​ ​– Tina Hughes – Tina introduced Whitney, the manager of the Lawrenceville Music & Arts, who gave an overview of this month’s promo offering discounts and financing on sound equipment. Whitney also reminded teachers that they receive a 30% discount after today’s meeting at the Lawrenceville location. The inventory for Federated music is better at the Snellville and Johns Creek locations. The Lawrenceville location is looking for a piano teacher and guitar 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, 2022. Please check the application procedure and the eligibility at the GCMTA website.

**MED/PED Scholarship** – Gloria Park – Information about the scholarship is on the website. If any seniors are planning to major in Music Education or Music Pedagogy, please apply.

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

**Membership**​​ –​ Deb Hughes – In September there were three new members. Two are reinstating members: Sarah Peterson and Eunju Park Yeo, both of whom teach piano. Welcome Back!

Hyun Jo is a brand new member from Duluth. She also teaches piano and has already registered her students in Central Gwinnett's Federation Festival.

Each of these three has been contacted with a welcome email and phone call describing all that they need to know to access our website fully, participate in our events, register for emails notifications, and sign up for a mentor, if they so desire.

Jonny, our Webmaster, has already placed our newest members in our online directory. Robin Engelmann, Treasurer, has been most helpful in getting these new members' names/information to me and to make sure their names are in our Directory.

I have many calling cards left for our current members to use as an invitation for non-member music teachers to GCMTA.  They are small, portable, and easily used for reaching out to potential new members with handy information.

**Music​ ​Day​** ​–​ ​Patti Bennett – Kathy Dawal gave information regarding how to order lunch for Music Day online. Kathy also discussed how to upload Virtual performances. Please contact her if you have questions about uploading.

**Music Link** – Nora Martin – Nora has one piano student in the area looking for a teacher. She also mentioned she has a variety of instruments available (violin, cello, electric guitar, trombone, and more). If anyone is interested in the instruments, you can make a donation to Music Link in exchange for an instrument. Whitney, from Music & Arts, asked for information about Music Link that she can give to the teachers at her location.

**MTNA​ ​Foundation/GMTA​ ​Awards**​ ​– Mary Ann McTier – Mary Ann briefly discussed the awards and donations. Several teachers gave her donations for the gift basket GCMTA is donating at the GMTA Conference.

**Newsletter**​ ​– Maggie Frick – No report – Cathy Thacker reminded us of the deadline to submit articles.

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

**Publicity/Social Media**​ ​– (Open)

**Teacher​ ​of​ ​the​ ​Year​** ​– Pam Asberry – Pam encouraged teachers to nominate someone by 12/31/21.

**Unfinished​ ​Business** - None

**New​ ​Business** – None

**Good​ ​of​ ​Order** – Mary Ann McTier mentioned that the premier performance of Beethoven's 10th Symphony was given on October 9, 2021 in Bonn, Germany. The project was started many years ago by a group of musicologists who took the remnants of material Beethoven had written towards his 10th symphony. Using artificial intelligence, these pieces of manuscript were combined and expounded upon to produce the finished work!

**Motion​ ​to​ ​Adjourn** – Cathy Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10:17a.m.

**Attendees**:

Susan Andrews

Pam Asberry

Ngan Nei Chan

Kathy Dawal

Mary Marshall Dekkers

Robin Engleman

Judy Harper

Rie Hosoi

Deb Hughes

Tina Darden

Min-Jung Jin

Jiyeon Kwak

Kimber Kwiatkowski

Nora Martin

Mary Ann McTier

Nancy Morris

Debbie Murphy

Gloria Park

Sarah Peterson

Judith Tope

Cathy Thacker

Beth Ann Wise

Guest: Whitney from Music & Arts