**GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**November 17, 2021**

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

**OFFICER’S​ ​REPORTS:**

**President​** ​–​ ​Cathy Thacker – Cathy shared some of the history of the Thanksgiving holiday in the US. She thanked members for helping to provide hospitality at the GMTA conference. She mentioned some highlights of the conference and asked the group to share favorite moments.

Cathy thanked Patti Bennett, Music Day Chair, Kathy Dawal, Digital Resources Chair, and Rie Hosoi, Theory Chair, for their wonderful organization of the Music Day event and Theory testing last Saturday. Everything ran smoothly.

She reminded everyone that there is no meeting or newsletter in December. The next meeting will be in January.

​**President-Elect** – Gloria Park – ​​Gloria reminded everyone there is no meeting in December. At January’s meeting Patti Bennett and Mary Ann McTier will speak. There will be a luncheon/potluck. Location TBA.

**Secretary** – Debbie Murphy – The Minutes for the October meeting are posted on the website. There was one correction: (1) Tina Darden’s last name was listed incorrectly. The minutes stand as corrected.

**Treasurer**​ ​–​ ​Robin Engleman – The financial report was emailed to the membership. There was no discussion.

**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 – Susan Andrews reported the following information for Judy.

Registration for all three Gwinnett Federated Festivals will open on Dec. 1, 2021 and will close on January 29, 2022 at 11:59 PM, EST.   Registration must be done through NFMC’s Vivace (Online Festival Management).  Michelle Peck plans to offer a tutorial on registering students for festivals in January, and there are several tutorials on the Vivace Support Center on the NFMC Website.

**North** ​–​ Beth Ann Wise – North Federated Festival will be held March 26th 2022 at First Baptist Church in Duluth. Judy and Beth are finalizing entries into Vivace. There are several teachers that haven’t given us their students’ birthdates, so we are unable to enter their students into the system.

All the student information regarding Festival will be entered directly into Vivace. In January, Michelle Peck is going to do a Zoom meeting explaining how all teachers are going to enter their information for Festival into the Vivace program. It is critical that all teachers attend this Zoom call. Date to be announced soon.

**West** – Becky Bonam – No report

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

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**GMTA​ ​Auditions**​ ​– Jiyeon Kwak –

Auditions date: Saturday, February 12th, 2021

Location: Piano Works 2805 Buford Hwy. Duluth, GA 30096

(In-Person Auditions only)

Registration: Opens December 1st, 2021 and Closes January 15th, 2022

Go to georgiamta.org and click on auditions registration under Login

Judges: Dr. Raffi Besalyan and Mr. David Watkins

Please refrain from using special cases and symbols for the composers names and titles of the pieces when registering (e.g., umlaut and quotation mark).

And please double check the spelling. For questions and registration assistance, contact Jiyeon Kwak at 661.305.9980.

\*GATE testing will be on the same day at the same location. Seniors must take the GATE at Local Auditions. **For more information on GATE, please contact Rie Hosoi (riehosoi@yahoo.com)**

**GMTA/GATE Theory** –​ ​Rie Hosoi –

**GMTA THEORY TESTING 2021** at Music Day was successful.

17 signed up students all showed up for their exams. All 17 showed up.

Level I – 3, Level II – 4, Level III – 6, Level IV – 3, Level V – 1

Results will be back next spring.

Special thanks to the following people: Cathy Thacker, Deborah Hughes, Susan Andrews, and Jean Mann for CD players and pencils/pencil sharpener; Nora Martin for loaning her use a heater in the room; Debbie Murphy for headphones, and Patti Bennett for her cooperation with scheduling students’ performance along with theory exam schedule.

Next exam will be the GATE on February 12, 2022 at Local Auditions.

**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/>

\*Sample tests can be found on the GMTA Website.

**Hospitality**​ ​– Tina Darden – No report

**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 our website, [gcmta.org](http://gcmta.org/)

**MED/PED Scholarship** – Gloria Park – Information and application are on the GCMTA website.

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

**Membership**​​ –​ Deb Hughes – WELCOME to our newest member, Eunkyung Lee, who lives in Lawrenceville and teaches piano. We certainly are glad to have another new teacher join GCMTA.  Remember that all of our meetings are open for existing members to invite a prospective teacher to come and see what we are about.

**Music​ ​Day​** ​–​ ​Patti Bennett – 28 teachers participated. 218 students participated in person and 34 virtual.

There were 227 Superior ratings.

**Music Link** – Nora Martin – There is still one student who needs a teacher. Please contact Nora if you are interested. Nora has the following instruments available: ¾ violin, electric guitar, bass guitar, several keyboards. Please contact her if you are interested.

**MTNA​ ​Foundation/GMTA​ ​Awards**​ ​– Mary Ann McTier –

**GMTA Awards -** GCMTA was able to donate a beautiful & bountiful basket of goodies for the GMTA Awards Fund raffle at the state conference. The basket was filled with the items you donated including a book and CD by Pam Asberry, soaps, a loofah, candies, cozy socks, and lots more to complete our theme of “Music Teacher’s Reverie.” We also donated a $50 VISA gift card paid for from our GCMTA budget. As always, we were very well represented at the raffle through our donation as well as those members whose names were drawn: Cathy Thacker, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Mary Ann McTier, to mention a few. Thank you for your generous donations.

**MTNA Foundation -** I don’t know the final amount that was raised for MTNA Foundation at the conference, but many contributed. A drawing was held for the Hydraulic piano bench, and a lucky GMTA member received that at the end of the Saturday conference session. To those of you who contributed by purchasing tickets, thank you.

**Newsletter**​ ​– Diana Cleland – The next newsletter will be in January. Please submit your information by January 1st.

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

**Publicity/Social Media**​ ​– (Open)

**Teacher​ ​of​ ​the​ ​Year​** ​– Pam Asberry – Cathy Thacker reported for Pam. Please nominate a teacher by December 31st.

**Unfinished​ ​Business** – None

**New​ ​Business** – None

**Good​ ​of​ ​Order** –

**Motion​ ​to​ ​Adjourn** – Cathy Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10:22a.m.

**Attendees**:

Susan Andrews

Patti Bennett

Ngan Nei Chan

Tina Darden

Mary Marshall Dekkers

Robin Engleman

Lisa Gaal

Deb Hughes

Min-Jung Jin

Jiyeon Kwak

Kimber Kwiatkowski

Nora Martin

Debbie Murphy

Gloria Park

Cathy Thacker

Jung Yeo

Yulia Soboleva

**Guests:**Dr. Raffi Besalyan