

## MINUTES

### GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

LAWRENCEVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS:

##### **President** – Cathy Thacker

President Cathy Thacker called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. She welcomed the members and thanked them for coming. She reminded members to vote in the MTNA elections if they haven't already done so. They can vote online at the MTNA website, and the deadline is March 1. She encouraged them to vote for Kevin Chance for President-Elect.

Exciting things are happening around the state. Another collegiate chapter has been formed, this time at Valdosta State University, and that brings the number of collegiate chapters in Georgia to eight.

Cathy read an excerpt from *Year of Wonder: Classical Music for Every Day*. It was the February 22<sup>nd</sup> entry about Mozart's Sonata for two pianos in D Major, K. 448.

##### **President-Elect** – Gloria Park

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 22.

This is our March Masterclass with David Watkins. The following students will be participating:

Benjamin Vasquez, student of Susan Andrews  
Mozart Sonata in D, K 576, 1st movement

Vincent Rao, student of Yanni Chan  
Clementi Sonatina Op. 36, No. 3, 3rd movement

Ramon Lopez, student of Nora Martin  
Timothy Brown - Polonaise in G minor

There is no meeting in April.

Important change: The May luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 10 and will be held at Alexander Park Pavilion #1.

##### **Secretary**—Debbie Murphy

Minutes for the January meeting are posted on the website. There were no corrections so they stand as posted.

A sympathy card was sent to Patti Bennett for the loss of her father.

##### **Treasurer** – Robin Engleman

The Treasurer's 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  
All forms are working properly on the website. If you need an online form for your event, please contact her.

**Directory/Internet** – Open

**Federated Festivals** – Judy Harper  
No report

**North** – Beth Ann Wise  
March 11th. Scheduling coming very soon.

**West** – Becky Bonam  
No report

**Central** – Kathy Dawal  
Everything is moving smoothly towards March 4th. All schedules have been sent out. If you have not received them, please contact her.

Central Gwinnett Teachers will not need to provide rating sheets for their students in the Federated event. We will have them at the check-in desk. If your students are playing out of district, you may pick up their rating sheets at check-in on March 4th to use at their event.

**GMTA Auditions** – Jiyeon Kwak  
We successfully completed our Local Auditions on the 18th of February. Thank you to all the teachers for participating. Special thanks to Tina Darden for bringing and setting up refreshments, and Gloria Park and Min-Jung Jin for staying late to help cleaning up.

77 students out of 81 registered auditioned.  
OPR - 67  
OP - 3  
AE - 7

70 Trophies have been ordered.

February 27th is the deadline to Register for Regional Auditions.

March 10th is the GMTA Regional Auditions Video Submission Deadline. Instructions will be sent by GMTA.

## **GMTA/GATE Theory** – Rie Hosoi

GATE was on the last Saturday with Local Auditions.

Participant: A - 33 students, B - 22 students, and C - 16 students

Exemption: A - Two students, B - One student, and C - Three students

Cancellation: A - One student, B - One student

A - 32 pass, 1 fail

B - All pass

C - 13 pass, 3 fail

All tests will be returned to audition teachers sometime in April to May.

## **Hospitality** – Tina Darden

Thank you to those who brought water and refreshments today!

## **Junior/Senior Scholarship Audition** – Yumi Patterson

The 2023 scholarship auditions are scheduled for Saturday, April 22, at PianoWorks. Our judge will be Dr. Geoffrey Haydon from GA State University. The application deadline is March 17.

## **MED/PED Scholarship** – Gloria Park

All the details are online at the GCMTA website.

## **Member-at-large** – Susan Andrews

No report

## **Membership** – Deb Hughes

We encourage you to remember that as a member of GCMTA you **RE**Present it as an ambassador and an inviter/host for prospective new members to attend our meetings. Use the calling card invitations and brochures to entice potential new teachers to our meetings. (Need some? See Deb Hughes)

If you have opportunity you might inform them of the three main advantages to being a member:

1. **Resources**
2. **Education**
3. **Peers**

PERKS of being a member of MTNA are not only national (travel, printing costs, etc.) but are local, as well. As a member of GCMTA you have some very good opportunities:

Free Tickets for Teachers to the Atlanta Master Chorale's performances must be requested in advance: [admin@atlantamasterchorale.org](mailto:admin@atlantamasterchorale.org)

Free performances of chamber musicians. sign up: [chambermusicsociety@emory.edu](mailto:chambermusicsociety@emory.edu)

Half priced tickets for teachers for piano performances: [chopinsociety2@gmail.com](mailto:chopinsociety2@gmail.com)

Free performance opportunities for students through Atlanta Music Club: Young Performers Recitals: AtlantaMusicClub.org

GFMC Awards: Piano, non-piano (voice separate from instrumental) go to GeorgiaNFMC.org

NFMC Junior Awards: National entry fees are so reasonable (\$10) for: blind, special needs, piano & piano concerto, strings, vocal, ballet, dance, etc.

Go to [NFMC-music.org](http://NFMC-music.org) and look under Junior of the Competitions and Awards.

NFMC Senior Awards (include teachers) can compete to win cash. [NFMC-music.org](http://NFMC-music.org)

Deb encouraged teachers to bring a guest to our meetings. She awards prizes!

**Music Day** – Cathy Thacker/Kimber Kwiatkowski

No report

**Music Link** – Nora Martin

Nora gave background information about Music Link. There is a need for a drum teacher in the Lawrenceville area.

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

No report

**Newsletter** – Diana Cleland

Cathy Thacker mentioned that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the next newsletter.

**Performance Day** – Lois Simon

No report

**Teacher of the Year** – Pam Asberry

The nominations are now closed, and the votes have been counted! Be sure to attend the May luncheon for the big reveal!

**Unfinished Business** -

None

**New Business** –

Gloria presented the slate of officers for 2023-2025

Kimber Kwiatkowski - President - Elect

Tina Darden - Secretary

Mary Ann McTier - Treasurer, tentatively

**Good of Order** –

Nora Martin is retiring and moving to TN. She has music available that she is not taking with her. She has some equipment available also. Please see her if you are interested.

Robin Engleman mentioned Jackie Reed's grandson works for church in Macon who is selling a 9-ft. Grand.

Robin Engleman needs several Faber method books. If anyone has any to sell, please contact her.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Cathy Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10:21a.m.

**Attendees:**

Susan Andrews

Pam Asberry

Debbie Brady

Diana Cleland

Tina Darden  
Kathy Dawal  
Mary Marshall Dekkers  
Robin Engleman  
Deb Hughes  
Hyun Jo  
Sun Hee Kim  
Jiyeon Kwak  
Kimber Kwiatkowski  
Nora Martin  
Mary Ann McTier  
Nancy Morris  
Chris Morrow  
Debbie Murphy  
Gloria Park  
Yulia Soboleva  
Mallory Stiebel  
Cathy Thacker  
Christina Walldren  
Beth Ann Wise

*All actions for this Business Meeting were taken in accordance with the stated purpose of the organization and in accordance with the Bylaws.*