

MINUTES

GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

April 26, 2023

Location: The home of Cathy Thacker, 2603 Twilight View, Snellville, GA 30078

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Cathy Thacker invited board members to enjoy a delightful Tea 10:00a.m. The business meeting began at 11:20a.m. Cathy's report is as follows:

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president a second time. My first term was May 2011-May 2013, so this one occurred exactly ten years later. I have learned much both times, and I value the friendships with my GCMTA colleagues.

Thank you all for all of your hard work and faithful service to GCMTA! Every one of you is important because you help our association in unique capacities. There is no way that our group could function as well as it does without the many teachers who volunteer their time and energy to ensure that the events run smoothly.

I especially appreciate my fellow officers:

- Gloria Park, President-Elect, for your helpfulness and great programs.
- Debbie Murphy, Secretary, for your faithfulness and attention to detail.
- Robin Engleman, Treasurer, for your diligence and eye for improvement.

Be involved, stay involved, and serve whenever you can.

Another reminder – June 30 is quickly approaching, so please remember to renew your MTNA/GMTA/GCMTA membership!

President-Elect – Gloria Park

Last meeting of the year will be on May 10 at Alexander Park Pavilion #1 at 10am. We will have a catered lunch with Publix platters - subs, fruit, chips, and drinks. RSVP and give \$6 to Gloria Park by May 5.

Secretary – Debbie Murphy

Minutes for the March meeting are posted on the website. The stand as posted.

Treasurer – Robin Engleman

The proposed budget for 2023-204 will be presented under new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory – Pam Asberry – No report

Anti-Trust – Mary Ann McTier – No report

Certification – Robin Engleman – No report

Digital Resources – Kathy Dawal

If anyone needs online forms created or changed, please get with her over the summer. While some changes can't be made until later in the year, we can work out bigger changes that may better fit your needs over the less hectic summer months.

Directory/Internet – Open

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper – No report

North – Beth Ann Wise

Many thanks to all the teachers and students on a very successful Festival in North Federated on March 11, 2023. We had 243 students participating and 18 teachers helping. Of the 243 students, 233 Superior ratings were awarded.

The Scholarship Winners are:

1st place - Chase Choi - Teacher, Gloria Park

2nd place - Hailey Culp - Teacher, Ping Xu

3rd place - Amber Chang - Teacher, Ping Xu

4th place - Ellie Yih - Teacher, Ping Xu

Honorable Mentions:

Daniel Hill - Teacher, Gloria Park

Myriord Reigns Dajaja - Teacher, Lisa Gaal

Vasisht Vissa - Teacher, Rwei Hao

Ashan Suneth Galhena - Teacher, Stephanie Freeman

Raghu Sarraf - Teacher, Rwei Hao

West – Becky Bonam – No report

Central – Kathy Dawal

Trophies are ready to be picked up. Please contact Kathy to let her know when you will be coming by. She can leave them in a protected spot outside if she is not at home, or you can arrange to come by when she is home.

GMTA Auditions – Jiyeon Kwak

The State Auditions event is finished, and we had good results from Gwinnett County MTA. Please check the Georgia MTA website and click on 2023 Audition Results under Activities.

Also, Auditions for 2024 has been booked for February 3rd, 2024 at Piano Works. The online registration will probably open on December 1st, 2023 and the deadline will be January 5th.

Jiyeon mentioned she won't be the Auditions chair next year but will help/advise as best as she can. She wishes to thank everyone for all their support!

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi – No report

Hospitality – Tina Darden – No report

Junior/Senior Scholarship Audition – Yumi Patterson

15 students entered, and 11 piano students and 2 voice students competed for scholarships total of \$2000 on Saturday, April 22 at PianoWorks. Our judge this year was Dr. Geoffrey Haydon. Deb Huges volunteered to help with the event. Thank you, Deb.

RESULTS:

Winners of Scholarships:

1st place \$800 Ethan Liu...Joanna Kim-Doyle
2nd place \$600 Megan Lee...Ping Xu
3rd place \$400 Coakley Kennedy (voice)...Deb Hughes
4th place \$200 Khai Hoang...Joanna Kim-Doyle

Honorable Mentions:

Jack Wong...Yumi Patterson
Meredith Manlove-Simmons (voice)...Deb Huges
Esther Jung...Min-Jung Jin

Congratulations to the winners and their teachers!

MED/PED Scholarship – Gloria Park

We have not received any submissions at this time.

Member-at-large – Susan Andrews – No report

Membership – Deb Hughes

Welcome to our newest members who joined in March: Heejung Jung of Suwanee and Magdalena Shumanova of Powder Springs. This brings our number of GCMTA members to 101. No new members joined in April. NOTE: Each new member is emailed an informative welcome letter and called if they've given their phone number.

Thanks to Gloria Park who graciously agreed to mentor Yoonkyung Jang, Suwanee, who joined in February. Yoonkung is a piano instructor who is due with their first child in September. Deb Hughes is mentoring Magdalena (Maggie) Shumanova who joined in March as a transfer from California (also recently had their first child) and teaches voice/piano at Emory and West GA. She is planning on attending the May meeting.

It is now time to rejoin MTNA - members should have received membership renewal statement. It is \$97 for membership in MTNA. GMTA fees are \$50 and GCMTA is \$25. All three are required for GCMTA membership. These can be paid online at www.mtna.org or USPS.

Music Day – Cathy Thacker/Kimber Kwiatkowski

The event will take place November 11, 2023 at 1st Baptist Duluth. Susan Andrews has secured 3 judges so far: Leslie Kennedy, Donna Kirkendoll, and Rebekah Boles

Music Link – Nora Martin

Chris Morrow will chair the committee for GCMTA.

Nora would like to remind everyone that there is a GCMTA discount for Music Day fees for MusicLink students – only \$10 to enter. MusicLink has a lot of money right now and registered, active teachers/students just need to ask. An active teacher just needs one student to access benefits for their studio and for the student. We don't have any students waiting for a teacher in our county right now; however, teachers needing to register themselves or a student may do so at our website, www.musiclinkfoundation.org by clicking on "How to Participate".

Nora will remain the SE Regional Coordinator out of her new location in Tennessee. Her contact information won't change. She extends her thanks for all the good years. God Bless!

MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards – Mary Ann McTier – No report

Newsletter – Diana Cleland

Cathy Thacker reminded everyone of the May 1st deadline for submissions.

Performance Day – Lois Simon – No report

Publicity/Social Media – (Open)

Teacher of the Year – Pam Asberry

Come to the May meeting for the big announcement!

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

Deb Hughes asked about the process for updating website for new members. Information does not get updated in a timely manner. It was decided that the chair of each area needs to keep info updated promptly to the website manager, Jonny Park.

Deb Hughes suggested adding Yumi Patterson's address on the Junior-Senior Scholarship application. She also asked if the process can be updated so that the application can be submitted online. After discussion, there was a positive consensus to offer the application online. Kathy Dawal offered to help with Deb's questions/concerns.

Robin Engleman suggested the new treasurer explore using Zelle for event registration fees. Gloria Park and the new treasurer will investigate this possibility.

Susan Andrews mentioned she will email a formal Statement to each Federated Festival Chairman that they can give to a prospective new GCMTA member who does not want to join local/state/national associations. They would pay non-member fees as follows: \$100 teacher fee, \$12 surcharge for each student and each event. The other option is that they can participate in another associations' event.

Susan Andrews made a motion that GCMTA not require a Federated piano scholarship student to use the scholarship money for summer music camp or music tuition. Deb Hughes 2nd the motion. The vote passed.

Susan Andrews mentioned that teachers can use Julie Vu or a vendor of choice for Federated plate engraving.

Susan Andrews mentioned that Central Federated teachers must print out their own rating sheets for next year's Federated event and going forward.

Robin Engleman presented the Proposed Budget for 2023-2024. She discussed the proposed amount for each line item. Kathy Dawal made a motion to raise the Music Day registration fee from \$22 to \$25. Susan Andrews 2nd the motion. The vote passed. Mary Ann McTier made a motion to accept the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget. Gloria Park 2nd. The vote passed.

Good of Order – None

Motion to Adjourn – Cathy Thacker @ 1:30pm

Attendees:

Susan Andrews

Pam Asberry

Tina Darden

Kathy Dawal

Robin Engleman
Deb Hughes
Kimber Kwiatkowski
Mary Ann McTier
Debbie Murphy
Gloria Park
Cathy Thacker
Beth Ann Wise

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