

# GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 23, 2023

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### OFFICER'S REPORTS:

**President** – Gloria Park called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for being willing to serve this year. She also thanked them for getting their reports in prior to the meeting.

**President-Elect** – Kimber Kwiatkowski announced the programs for the year. She thanked Pam Asberry for helping us schedule our monthly meetings at PianoWorks free of charge.

### **Programs for GCMTA Meetings 2023-2024**

Please join us for our monthly Wednesday meetings! Below is our schedule (also found online):  
PianoWorks  
2805 Buford Highway  
Duluth, GA 30096

### **September 27: Cathy Thacker, NCTM**

“GMTA Auditions: An Overview”

### **October 25: Dr. Francis Leach**

“Practice Strategies that Lead to Performance Confidence”

### **November 15: Dr. Vicente Della Tonia, Jr.**

“Effective Practice: A Shorter Road to Stronger Results”

### **January 24: January Luncheon at 1123 House**

### **February 28: Dr. Alan Woo**

Title of presentation TBA

### **March 27: Masterclass with Dr. Joe Chapman**

### **May 22: May Luncheon and TOTY**

The last meeting of the year will be on May 22 at 1123 House at 10:00 a.m.

1123 Dogwood Road, Snellville

Please contact Kimber Kwiatkowski at [kckwiatkowski@att.net](mailto:kckwiatkowski@att.net) to RSVP for lunch.

**Secretary** – Tina Darden – The Minutes from the May 2023 luncheon are posted on the website. As there were no corrections, the Minutes stand as posted.

**Treasurer** – Christina Walldren –

## Treasurer's Report for August 2023

- **Income:** MTNA Membership Dues (April, May, June, July): \$1680
- **Expenses:** Membership Promotion (Hughes – business cards): \$28.61 (not cleared) GCMTA Website (landl.com): \$172.88 GCMTA Website (webmaster): \$200 (not cleared)
- **Closing Balance:** \$24,221.63
- \*Check 2869, from 02/25/2023, in the amount of \$100 has not cleared (written to Yegin Christine Son)
- Gloria Park says this is a healthy balance for this time of the year.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Advisory** – Cathy Thacker, NCTM  
Nothing to report at this time.

**Anti-Trust** – Mary Ann McTier  
No Report

**Certification** – Robin Engleman, NCTM  
Robin is working on seeing that Amaris David, Diana Cleland and Vicente Della Tonia, our newest MTNA Certified Teachers, are sent \$50 each toward the cost of their certification. If these teachers have not renewed their MTNA membership yet, their check will not be sent.

**Digital Resources** – Kathy Dawal

Most online forms have now been adjusted for the 2023-24 year, and registration for most of our events is now online. If you need a form created or adjusted, please contact Kathy Dawal.

**Directory/Internet** – (Open)

**Federated Festivals** – Judy Harper

<b>Festival Dates</b>	<b>Chairs</b>
West Gwinnett: February 24, 2024	Becky Bonam
Central Gwinnett: March 2, 2024	Kathy Dawal, Michelle Peck
North Gwinnett: March 9, 2024	Beth Ann Wise, Melissa Slocum

### **Senior Dues**

Senior (teacher) and adult (student) dues are **\$12.00** per each. The dues are to be mailed by check, payable to GCMTA to the GCMTA treasurer. No form is necessary, but provide name, address, and email for yourself and adult students. The address is needed for the magazine. The deadline to get your check to the treasurer is **September 1, 2023**.

### **Junior Dues and Roster:**

**Online only at** [georgianfmc.org/membership](http://georgianfmc.org/membership) Junior Dues-\$32.00 for all students of 16 or fewer. More than 16, the fee for each is \$2.00. One mandatory subscription to Jr. Keynotes magazine is \$6.00. **Deadline - October 15, 2023**

**North** – Beth Ann Wise/Melissa Slocum

North Federated Festival is March 9th 2024 at First Baptist Church, Duluth.

**West** – Becky Bonam

Becky has secured Berean Baptist Church in Lilburn, GA for Feb. 24, 2014. She already has a few judges lined up.

**Central** – Michelle Peck

Central Gwinnett Festival will be held on March 2nd, 2024 at Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula. This will be a hybrid event with an in-person and virtual option. Deadline for submitting materials for the virtual option (scores and videos) will be February 28th, 2024. Music scores and rating sheets will be due to Kathy Dawal by February 28<sup>th</sup> and can be turned in to her at the February meeting or brought to her house by end of day on February 28th. These will need to be physical copies of music (photocopies allowed) compiled in a binder with the rating sheets. We continue to search for in-person judges, and we almost have all of our slots secured.

Co-chairs are Michelle Peck and Kathy Dawal. Michelle will be handling the main responsibilities (judges, communicating with Hebron, communicating deadlines with teachers, teacher work schedule, hospitality, etc) and Kathy will be doing everything relating to Vivace as well as communicating with the virtual judge.

The dues for Central Gwinnett Senior Club have been paid directly to Amy Vanderlugt (treasurer of GFMC). The GCMTA treasurer will not be responsible for the Central Gwinnett Senior Club Roster or Dues.

Michelle sent an email to the festival chairs confirming the deadlines for junior and senior club dues with the reminder that new clubs and members can be added after the deadline.

**GMTA Auditions** – Deb Hughes, NCTM

The NEW date for GCMTA's Local Auditions is February 17, 2024, from 9:00 am-5:00 pm at PianoWorks. The first date given to Deb was NOT on PianoWorks' calendar, so she booked the next available Saturday. For the following year, Deb has reserved February 15, 2025, so that we are firmly established till then on dates. She is currently working on getting judges. Last year there were 77 entrants, up from 53 the year before. Deb projects that we will have to use the entire day (9:00 am-5:00 pm) to accommodate the entrants this year. Registration is January 1-15, 2024, online. Thanks to Yulia Soboleva for helping this year.

**GMTA/GATE Theory** – Rie Hosoi

### **GMTA Theory Exams**

**Date:** November 11, 2023 (same as Music Day)

**Exam Fee:** \$15.00 per student

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

**Application Deadline (Online Only):** October 1, 2023

Test Administrator: Rie Hosoi, 678-596-0401, [riehosoi@yahoo.com](mailto:riehosoi@yahoo.com)

**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.

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**Georgia Auditions Theory Examination: GATE**

**THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE THE GATE IS AT LOCAL AUDITIONS.**

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**Date:** February 17, 2024

**Exam Fee:** \$15.00 per student

**Location:** PianoWorks, Duluth, GA

**Registration Deadline (Online Only):** January 15, 2024

Exam Administrator: Rie Hosoi, 678-596-0401, [riehosoi@yahoo.com](mailto:riehosoi@yahoo.com)

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Each pre-college piano or piano concerto participant in GMTA's local, regional, and state auditions is **required to take and pass** one of the three (3) theory exams ("GATES") in order to advance beyond local auditions. Students may become EXEMPT from taking some or all of the GATES. For exemption information, practice exams, and other important information regarding the GATE visit the GMTA website at: <http://georgiamta.org/>

**APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

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

**Hospitality** – Nancy Morris

Nancy is meeting with Tina Darden prior to our September meeting to get the hospitality bin.

### **Junior/Senior Scholarship Audition – Cathy Thacker, NCTM**

Jr./Sr. Scholarship is set for April 20, 2024, 8:30am-12noon, at PianoWorks. David Watkins will be the judge. Registration is now online, thanks to Kathy Dawal, and the deadline is March 15.

### **MED/PED Scholarship – Kimber Kwiatkowski**

GCMTA is again offering a \$500.00 scholarship for high school seniors who will pursue either a Bachelor of Music Education or Pedagogy degree. Qualifications and everything you need to know are on the website.

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

No Report.

### **Membership – Deb Hughes, NCTM**

- WELCOME to our newest members: **Dr. Katherine Emeneth** from Sugar Hill who teaches flute, **Mark Anthony Belloto** of Tucker who teaches piano and guitar, and **Eunji Kwon** of Buford who teaches piano. Deb has emailed and called them all. Mark is VERY interested in Festival and so is Eunji. Katherine is perhaps interested in Music Day and maybe Festival, but she has a long wait list for students and was a MTNA national winner last year so is not so much interested yet in our events.
- MENTOR: Special thanks to Pam Asberry who has volunteered to mentor Mark. Deb will mentor Katherine. Deb is looking for a teacher in GCMTA who speaks Korean to mentor Eunji.
- NUMBERS: We currently have 64 paid members, which includes those who joined up to July 31. There are a few members who have forgotten to pay their dues, but Deb will wait to ask about their intentions.
- CALLING CARDS: Deb has ordered new calling cards, but the price increased so much that she only ordered 100 for this year to stay within budget. They have been delivered and she will distribute them at our first meeting. Note: Old ones will also work fine.

### **Music Day – Kathy Dawal**

- Registration for Music Day will be open from September 1 to October 1, 2023. We will have an in-person and virtual event. The web page is still waiting for a few corrections:
- The deadline to provide video links for Virtual Performances is **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**
- A filled-in rating sheet and print copy of the music must be provided to Kathy Dawal by **Wednesday, October 25, 2023**. She will be at our meeting that day but you are also welcome to drop off the documents at her home anytime before then.

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### **Music Link – Chris Morrow**

Chris is taking over as Chair of the MusicLink program for GCMTA. She spoke with Sue Wege, the ML director, over the summer and she sent Chris to the website to watch some instructional videos and do some brief training. Chris will possibly become the State coordinator, but she wants to see how things go with our local group first! If anyone is interested in further details about becoming an ML teacher, please message Chris.

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

GCMTA always donates for the raffle to raise funds for GMTA Awards. Mary Ann would love some creative ideas for a basket or something else other than the spa theme which we've used for several years. Email Mary Ann your ideas so she can present them at the September meeting.

MTNA Foundation news is that GMTA is raising money to honor David Watkins as a MTNA Fellow, like we did Joy Poole in 2022. With the national conference being in Atlanta, this will be especially significant for David. Of course, this will be a surprise, so please don't mention anything about it to him if you know him. You can make donations through GMTA.

### **Newsletter – Diana Cleland**

Gloria encouraged us to please get articles to Diana by the first of the month. The more articles, the better! We have new teachers who need info!

### **Performance Day – Chris Morrow**

According to the website, the last Performance Day was held in 2016. We would like to reinstate it. Chris would appreciate suggestions for where to hold it, as well as when. She believes we usually do it in November or December. Do we want to continue that or hold it at a different time of the year? Once these decisions are made, she will send out a sign-up sheet for teachers and will also update the website.

Some possibilities mentioned in the meeting were Chick-fil-a Dwarf House (see Deb's note in Good of Order), Von Maur, and Mansions of Gwinnett (Kathy Dawal is discussing with Chris).

### **Publicity/Social Media – (Open)**

There was discussion on ways to raise our chapter's visibility.

### **Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker, NCTM**

We have many wonderful teachers in GCMTA, so please think of one to nominate. The deadline is December 31, and the requirements and nomination form are on the website.

### **Unfinished Business – No Unfinished Business**

**New Business** – Robin Engleman presented the proposed budget. After discussion, Susan Andrews made a motion to accept the proposed budget as revised. Deb Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Good of Order** – Deb Hughes has received permission from Dwarf House Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Hill Road for a holiday music presentation for anyone who wishes to join in. Last year she had 3 GMCTA teachers participate at the Stone Mountain location. It lasted over two hours. The Stone Mountain location was a tight space. The Dwarf House has a lot more room inside their store for a keyboard set

up. They will tell her in November which of the two first Saturdays in December (2nd or 9th) they prefer for us to come to present holiday music.

Deb Hughes reported that after applying for numerous scholarships, her voice student received a \$10,000 scholarship from Reinhardt University. She encouraged members to investigate as many scholarship opportunities for their students as possible.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Gloria adjourned the meeting at 11 :13 am.

**Attendees:**

Susan Andrews  
Tina Darden  
Kathy Dawal  
Robin Engleman  
Rie Hosoi  
Deb Hughes  
Kimber Kwiatkowski  
Nancy Morris  
Gloria Park  
Michelle Peck  
Cathy Thacker  
Christina Walldren  
Beth Ann Wise

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