

MINUTES

GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

PianoWorks, Duluth, GA

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Gloria Park called the meeting to order at 9:51 a.m. and introduced Pam Asberry, who welcomed us to PianoWorks. Pam previewed upcoming events at PianoWorks, including the Kevin Olson workshop, the Teachers Performance Group, and the Winter Solstice Concert. For more info, contact Pam at Pam@pianoworks.com. Teachers receive 30% off all music on the meeting day. Gloria expressed our appreciation for Pam and talked about how we as teachers inspire each other.

President-Elect – Kimber Kwiatkowski encouraged everyone to join us for our monthly meetings this year. We will have some interesting speakers. For more info, visit our website.

Secretary – Tina Darden – The Minutes from the August Executive Board Meeting are posted on the website. As there were no corrections, the Minutes stand as posted.

Treasurer – Christina Walldren –

Treasurer's Report for September 2023

Compiled by Christina Walldren

Opening Balance: \$24,221.63

Income:

GCMTA Membership Dues: \$325.00

GFMC West Senior Dues: \$132

GFMC North Senior Dues: \$228 (Still waiting for one teacher to pay \$12 dues)

Expenses:

Auditions Chair Expense (Kwak): \$52.47

GFMC West Senior Dues: \$132

GFMC North Senior Dues: \$240

GMTA Advertising: \$364.50

Closing Balance: \$24,127.66 (difference of -\$93.97 on the month)

No objections. Stand as posted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory – Cathy Thacker, NCTM

No report

Anti-Trust – Mary Ann McTier

No report

Certification – Robin Engleman, NCTM

No report.

Digital Resources – Kathy Dawal

Most changes should be on the website. If not, let Kathy know immediately.

Directory/Internet – (Open)

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper

Check the newsletter and website for deadlines and fees. October 15 is the deadline.

North – Beth Ann Wise/Melissa Slocum

Teacher's Junior (students) Club Application, Dues, and Junior Club Roster are due no later than October 15th. The application and roster are to be filled out and Junior dues paid by credit card online at <http://www.georgianfmc.org/membership>, then open the **Junior Club Registration Form**. Where it asks for GFMC Senior Club and Festival, enter the name of your Sr Club (West, Central, or North Gwinnett). You are the counselor of your Jr Club. The name of your Jr Club should be the same as what you submitted last year.

There is a minimum fee of \$32 for 16 or less students, \$2 for each student over the minimum, and \$6 for the Keynotes magazine. Remember that only students who pay dues are eligible to participate in Festival. You can add students later, but you cannot enter students who are not on your final roster. Once you receive your confirmation **receipt with roster** from GFMC, it is very important to **forward that email to your Festival Chair; no typed or handwritten rosters are acceptable.**

West – Becky Bonam

West Federated will be held at Berean Baptist Church on Feb. 24th. Live performances only- no virtual performances.

Central – Michelle Peck

No Report

GMTA Auditions – Deb Hughes, NCTM

Remember to check GMTA's website for the details at GeorgiaMTA.org. (Also GCMTA.org has requirements and links for teachers)

The date for GCMTA's Local Auditions is Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Piano Works. Registration is ONLY ONLINE at GeorgiaMTA.org. The deadline is January 15. Local Auditions is the first preliminary for GMTA's State Auditions for piano students grades 4-11. Remember to also register Local Auditions students for the Auditions Theory Exam (GATE) by January 15 IF not already eligible by passing the GMTA Theory Test. (Given at GCMTA's Music Day

on November 11). *Each teacher who enters students in Local Auditions is also required to work in some capacity for this event.*

NOTE: Seniors must also register by the January 15 deadline but are not required to perform until the State Audition competition on April 13. Seniors also MUST take and pass the theory test to be eligible.

Local Auditions repertoire requirements: TWO MEMORIZED PIECES. One is to be from Baroque or Classical period (through Beethoven), PLUS one from Romantic, Impressionistic, or Contemporary periods. Only original solo piano compositions will be accepted and memorization of all repertoire is required. All music must be purchased. Scores from free online music or public domain sites are NOT acceptable for GMTA Auditions. If you have questions about literature, please refer to GeorgiaMTA.org for a fuller listing of repertoire guidelines.

There is a \$20 trophy fee which must be paid the day of the Local Auditions.

Only students who receive an Outstanding Performer rating AND pass the theory test requirement will be eligible to continue to the second preliminary round which is referred to as Regionals. (Regional evaluation is through video recordings only.) The final Audition is a state level competition on April 13 at Piedmont University which will again be an in-person adjudication.

Deb wrote and read her **Local Auditions Poem**.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi

No report.

Hospitality – Nancy Morris

Nancy passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring refreshments to our monthly meetings.

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. Please see the website for the requirements

MED/PED Scholarship – Kimber Kwiatkowski

All information for the MED/PED scholarship is on our website.

Member-at-large – Susan Andrews, NCTM

No Report

Membership – Deb Hughes, NCTM

Since last year we have 8 new members! A big GCMTA WELCOME to the following:

1. Dr. Katherine Emeneth of Sugar Hill - flute
2. Mark Anthony Belloto of Tucker - piano/guitar
3. Eunji Kwon of Buford - piano
4. Lauren Barnes of Lilburn - strings and piano
5. Vicki Fontana of Lilburn - piano

6. Eun Young Lee of Lawrenceville - piano
7. Daniel Webb of Atlanta - piano
8. Kenneth Wilson of Grayson - piano

THANK YOU to Pam Asberry, Becky Bonam, Deb Hughes, and Jiyeon Kwak who have all agreed to be mentors to our new members. We need more mentors. Would others please consider this important role and contact Deb Hughes?

New calling card invitations are available. Deb encouraged us to always carry at least two with you so to be ready to invite a potential new member to join our ranks.

There are MTNA brochures if anyone is interested in placing some at music stores or music schools.

Music Day – Kathy Dawal

- As of today's meeting, there are 107 entrants.
- Deadline to enter is this Sunday. Kathy begins scheduling Monday.
- Please fill in the registration completely, including if there are siblings playing, music sharing, etc.
- Make sure you get an e-mail receipt. If you do not get it, you are not registered.
- Contact Kathy if you have problems, but not after 10:00 pm Sunday night.
- There are entries in several events.
- If literature needs changing after the deadline, contact Kathy.

Music Link – Chris Morrow

If anyone would like information on becoming a Music Link teacher, please contact Chris

MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards – Mary Ann McTier

GMTA Awards serves to honor and reward musicians at the state level through monetary awards to students as well as teacher grants. Our state conference provides an opportunity to raise funds for this award through a raffle of items donated by local associations.

MTNA Foundation serves to honor and reward musicians at a national level through numerous awards. One such is the Foundation Fellows Award, of which our own Susan Andrews is a past recipient. This year two outstanding GMTA members have been nominated for this honor. We hope to surprise them, so don't mention this to David Watkins (Cobb MTA) and Joey Hokayem (Athens MTA). The nominations are active in MTNA and donations can be made online at

<https://www.mtnafoundation.org/contribute/contribute-now/>. The deadline is January 8 to reach the \$1500 amounts for each individual; \$500 has already been donated on behalf of David Watkins.

Newsletter – Diana Cleland

Gloria Park reminded everyone about the October 1st deadline for the October newsletter.

Performance Day – Chris Morrow

- Performance Day will take place on Dec. 2nd at Special Kneads and Treats Bakery located at 156 Scenic Hwy South, Lawrenceville, 30046.
- Chris booked the venue from 10am-3pm but told the owner that the times will depend on how many teachers and students sign up.
- Special Kneads serves baked goods, including gluten free, as well as coffee, hot chocolate, and other drinks. There are several tables and chairs for people to sit and enjoy the music and the food.
- A keyboard and bench are needed. If anyone would like to provide that, please let Chris know.
- Chris will be in touch with Kathy Dawal about updating the Performance Day info on the website.

Publicity/Social Media – (Open)

Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker, NCTM

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

Unfinished Business –

NONE

New Business -

Mary Ann McTier asked for input regarding the GCMTA donation for the raffle. It was decided that we would donate a gift card plus a basket. Donations will be accepted at the October meeting.

Good of Order –

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.

Mary Ann McTier encouraged us to check out the October/November 2023 American Music Teacher magazine. You will find an article written by our own Cathy Thacker!

Motion to Adjourn – Gloria Park adjourned the business meeting at 10:32 am.

Attendees:

Susan Andrews
Pam Asberry
Mark A. Belloto
Aza Boguslavskiy
Rebecca Bonam
Tina Darden

Kathy Dawal
Robin Engleman
Lisa Gaal
Judy Harper
Deb Hughes
Hyunjung Kim
Jiyeon Kwak
Kimber Kwiatkowski
Eunji Kwon
Young Lee
Jean Mann
Mary Ann McTier
Nancy Morris
Gloria Park
Lois Simon
Yulia Soboleva
Mallory Stiebel
Cathy Thacker
Christina Walldren

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.