

MINUTES

GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 25, 2023

PianoWorks, Duluth, GA

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Gloria Park called the meeting to order at 9:56 am. She encouraged everyone to attend the 2023 GMTA State Conference, November 2-4, at Shorter University. She reminded us membership has its advantages, and attending the conference is one of those advantages. Let Gloria know if you need a place to stay for the conference. Cathy Thacker mentioned that both she and Pam Asberry will be presenting programs at the conference. Cathy's presentation is "Respect the Fermata". Gloria passed flyers around with information on special events taking place at both Shorter University and Columbus State University in November. These events are designed for high school students. She also reminded us that November's meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month.

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 September Meeting are posted on the website. As there were no corrections, the Minutes stand as posted.

Treasurer – Christina Walldren – Please let Christina know if you have feedback on the report.

Treasurer's Report for October 2023

Compiled by Christina Walldren

Opening Balance:

\$24,139.66

Income:

GCMTA Membership Dues: \$50

Expenses:

September presentation honorarium: \$150

CPA/Tax return: \$37.50

GFMC liability insurance: \$60 (\$20 for each location)

MTNA Foundation Fund: \$75

Closing Balance:

\$23,867.16 (-\$272.50 on the month)

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

Chris Morrow and Kathy are working on an online signup form for Performance Day. They will let you know when registration for Performance Day opens. If it appears that the form is not working, please let Kathy know.

Directory/Internet – (Open)

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper

No Report

North – Beth Ann Wise/Melissa Slocum

North Federated Festival will be held on Sat., March 9, 2024, at First Baptist Church Duluth.

West – Becky Bonam

All but 1 in our group registered their students for the festival on Saturday, February 24. We had a few snags, but everything ended up in good shape.

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 for entering students 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.

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.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi

No report

Hospitality – Nancy Morris

Thanks to Deb, Kimber, and Hyunjung for bringing refreshments today.

Junior/Senior Scholarship Audition – Cathy Thacker, NCTM

Jr./Sr. Scholarship is set for April 20, 2024, 8:30am-12noon, at PianoWorks. Entrants are required to have participated in at least one other GCMTA event prior to Jr./Sr. David Watkins will be the judge. Registration is now online, 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

We have 89 members currently.

Keep in your prayers two members: Chris Morrow recovering from hand surgery and Mary Marshall Dekkers for recovery from a bad fall she took. Mary can't sit or stand long and can only sleep on a recliner.

All teachers are welcome to invite music teachers who are potential members to attend our monthly gatherings. Mention PERKS as you invite them:

P - Peer collaboration and performances

E - Education on an ongoing basis & LOTS of Events

R- Resources of MTNA

K- Kind-hearted, encouraging music teacher friends

S- Smiles cause GCMTA is so good!

MENTOR NEEDED: Special thanks to those who are already mentoring: Becky Bonam, Jiyeon Kwak, Debra Hughes and Pam Asberry. There is one piano teacher who lives in Lilburn still asking for a mentor. Please tell Deb Hughes if you are interested.

Deb read an inspirational poem.

Music Day – Kathy Dawal

We have about 350 students performing in person and virtually this year. Everything is in place for another successful event. Please make sure you have ordered your lunch online. Student schedules have been sent out, which makes it almost impossible to honor any time change requests. However, a student may switch to virtual and still be competitive. If any of your students are sick during the week of the festival, and especially if they have Covid, please contact Kathy to arrange a switch to virtual. Please contact Kathy if you are available to help with setup, Friday, November 10.

Virtual participants should have their scores and rating sheets to Kathy Dawal by October 25, 2023. She can take them today at the meeting, or you can drop them off at her house. The scores should be copies that can be destroyed. You will need your registration receipt to link the YouTube videos your students upload. If you do not have your registration receipt, first check your spam, or junk folder. If not there, please contact Kathy Dawal.

Music Link – Chris Morrow

Chris is now working as the Northwest US Regional Coordinator for Music Link. She can still serve GCMTA as our local coordinator, but if anyone else is interested in serving in this position, please contact Chris for more information.

MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards – Mary Ann McTier

Basket items were collected today for the GMTA raffle.

Newsletter – Diana Cleland

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

Performance Day – Chris Morrow

Performance Day will take place December 2, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, at Special Kneads and Treats bakery located at 156 Scenic Hwy S in Lawrenceville. We may need more time based on how many teachers sign up. Since we are more limited in our time allotment, Chris asked that each student play no more than 2 songs. In years past, students have been allowed to perform for up to 15 minutes, but this was when we did all-day events. Chris needs an idea of how many teachers are participating and how much time you think you will need to assess if we need more time, or to even add another day. Chris sent around a sign-up sheet during the meeting. You can also email Chris at twomorrow93@gmail.com.

Updated Website info has been sent to Kathy Dawal, so all details should soon be found on the GCMTA website. The new cost is \$10/student. Each teacher may place a program and business cards out as well. Lois Simon volunteered to bring an easel.

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 quickly approaching - December 31- so act now. The nomination form and requirements are on the website.

Unfinished Business –

NONE

New Business

NONE

Good of Order – Deb Hughes announced that November is American Music Month. If you are a member of Federated, and you do an all-American program anytime during the year– please submit. Your studio might be eligible for a cash award. Info is on the NFMC website.

Motion to Adjourn – Gloria Park adjourned the business meeting at 10 :25 am.

Attendees:

Susan Andrews
Tina Darden
Kathy Dawal
Lisa Gaal
Judy Harper
Deb Hughes
Min Jung Jin
Hyunjung Kim
Sun Duck Kim
Kimber Kwiatkowski
Dr. Francis Leach
Jean Mann
Nancy Morris

Gloria Park
Lois Simon
Melissa Slocum
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.*