

MINUTES

GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

November 15, 2023

PianoWorks, Duluth, GA

Yulia Soboleva opened our meeting by playing Christmas Music arranged by our own Pam Asberry.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Gloria Park called the meeting to order at 9:55 am. Gloria gave highlights from the GMTA conference. She thanked Cathy Thacker for her hard work organizing the event. She also thanked everyone for a smooth Music Day, with special thanks to Kathy Dawal. Gloria reminded everyone that there is no meeting in December. Gloria ended her report reading from President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving address given in 1863, during the height of the Civil War.

President-Elect – Kimber Kwiatkowski reminded us there is no meeting in December. Our next meeting is our January brunch at Grace House. More info to come.

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

Treasurer – Christina Walldren – Christina is not getting funds requests if you are sending them through the website. She will be checking with Kathy Dawal to remedy this.

Treasurer's Report for November 2023

Opening Balance: \$23,139.66

Income: Music Day Student Fees: \$7,946

Expenses:

October Meeting Honorarium (Francis Leach): \$166

GMTA Awards/MTNA Foundation Raffle: \$65.64

Music Day – printing: \$190.02 Music Day Cash Prizes: \$1,830

Music Day piano tunings (Prime Piano): \$880

Music Day judges pay and mileage: \$2,628

Closing Balance: \$26,053.50 (+\$2,186.34 on the month)

No objections. Stand as posted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory – Cathy Thacker, NCTM

Nothing to report at this time

Anti-Trust – Mary Ann McTier

No report

Certification – Robin Engleman, NCTM

No report.

Digital Resources – Kathy Dawal

No report.

Directory/Internet – (Open)

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper

Registration is open December 1st. Registration closes January 28

North – Beth Ann Wise/Melissa Slocum

No Report

West – Becky Bonam

No Report

Central – Michelle Peck

No Report

GMTA Auditions – Deb Hughes, NCTM

Remember that the deadline is January 15 for February 17 Auditions at Piano Works.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi

11/11 Music Day - GMTA Theory Exam

13 students participated.

2 - Level 1 Treble Clef

2 - Level 1 Bass Clef

2 - Level 2

3 - Level 3

3 - Level 4

1 - Level 5

A very small number of students participated in the theory exam this year.

We need more entrants for next year.

Next will be GATE at the Local Audition.

Date : February 17, 2024

Exam Fee: \$15.00 per student

Location : PianoWorks, Duluth, GA

Registration Deadline (Online Only): January 15, 2024

Let Rie know if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy Thanksgiving !!

Gloria says there is a whole revamping of GATE and MTNA theory coming next year.

Hospitality – Thanks to Judy Harper for filling in for Nancy Morris.

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, 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

Thank you to Mary Marshall Dekkers who volunteered to mentor a new member. Brava!

Remember that all members are asked to be on the watch for potential new music teachers to invite them to our regular meetings.

Music Day – Kathy Dawal (Susan Andrews gave report)

We had a very successful Music Day. We were very happy with the facility and the support from their Building Manager, Sherry. We also appreciate the excellent support from the teachers on-site and our eight wonderful volunteer students: without the student volunteers we could not have had a successful festival. They did a great job, especially at helping the younger students enjoy their experience and feel relaxed.

We had 285 in-person participants and 20 virtual, for a combined total of 305. Of those, 296 received a Superior. 62 cash prizes were awarded along with 58 Honorable Mentions. We have had several favorable comments about the quality of the judges' comments as well. Thank you everyone who had a share in making this day go smoothly and successfully.

Susan Andrews has the folders. Please pick that up from her today. After today, please get your folders, etc., from Kathy Dawal.

There was discussion on whether to give an honorarium to Sherry, the Building Manager.

Music Link – Chris Morrow

Anyone interested in serving as a ML teacher, or the GCMTA coordinator, please let Chris know.

MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards – Mary Ann McTier

Gwinnett county was well-represented at the conference raffle. Due to everyone in our chapter's generosity we contributed two gift baskets, a \$25 gift card, and some Christmas napkins. PianoWorks also donates a hydraulic bench every year. All the money raised from the raffle goes to MTNA Foundation and GMTA Awards. Gloria thanked MaryAnn for making the baskets beautiful.

Newsletter – Diana Cleland

Gloria Park reminded everyone of the January 1st deadline. There are lots of events coming up that need to be mentioned in the newsletter.

Performance Day – Chris Morrow

This year's Performance Day will take place December 2nd, 10:00 am-3:00 pm at Special Kneads Bakery in Lawrenceville. The 10:00 am -Noon time slots are booked, but we still have afternoon slots to fill. Please message Chris (twomorrows93@gmail.com) to let her know if you would like to participate, and at what time. All information can be found 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 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 reminded everyone that Atlanta is host for the 2024 MTNA National Conference. December 5 is the Early Bird Registration Deadline. GMTA will be sponsoring two tables at the GALA.

Cathy Thacker announced that longtime GMTA member Fran Thrailkill recently passed away.

Motion to Adjourn – Gloria Park adjourned the business meeting at 10:20 am.

Attendees:

Susan Andrews
Pam Asberry
Tina Darden
Mary Marshall Dekkers
Lisa Gaal
Judy Harper
Deb Hughes
Sun D. Kim
Sun Hee Kim
Kimber Kwiatkowski
E. Young Lee
Jean Mann
Mary Ann McTier
Gloria Park
Yulia Soboleva
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.