

## MINUTES

### GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

January 24, 2024

Grace House

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS:

**President** – Gloria Park called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Gloria reminded us of the mission of MTNA and how we as a chapter do activities to reinforce that mission. Gloria read a passage from “Common Sense in Piano Study”.

**President-Elect** – Kimber Kwiatkowski reminded us that next month’s meeting will be back at PianoWorks.

**Secretary** – Tina Darden – The Minutes from the November Meeting are posted on the website. As there were no corrections, the Minutes stand as posted. Please send February reports to Susan Andrews instead of Tina.

**Treasurer** – Christina Walldren – Treasurer’s Report for December 2023-January 2024

- **Opening Balance:** \$26,053.50
- **Income:** Performance Day: \$130 GCMTA Membership Dues: \$75
- **Expenses:** November Meeting Honorarium (Vincente Della Tonia): \$164 Auditions – theory (Rie Hosoi, from 2023): \$18.01 Music Day – Judge’s lunch: \$72.67 Music Day missing cash prize (Junghee Lee): \$30 Website (Webmaster Jonathan Park): \$300 Auditions – building (Piano Works): \$400
- **Closing Balance:** \$25,273.82 (negative \$779.68 on the period)

No objections. Stand as posted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Advisory** – Cathy Thacker, NCTM  
Nothing to report currently.

**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

No Report.

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

North Federated will be held at First Baptist Church Duluth on March 9. There are 300 entrants. Thanks to all who have helped to make this event run smoothly.

## **West** – Becky Bonam

No Report

## **Central** – Michelle Peck

No Report

Gloria Park reminded everyone that January 27<sup>th</sup> is the Vivace deadline.

## **GMTA Auditions** – Deb Hughes, NCTM

Local Auditions - Piano 4-11

We have 101 students registered this year which is a 25% increase above last year's registrations. We've added a third judge to accommodate the number of entrants. The judges are Vicente Della Tonia, Jerico Vasquez and Geoffrey Haydon for February 17 at Piano Works. Thank you to Pam Asberry at Piano Works for opening early that day for us. Each of the 27 teachers is serving as a worker and Deb wants to thank all of them in advance for their wonderful cooperation in fulfilling their role. The student schedule has been sent to teachers. Please tell your students their ID #. Judges will not know them by name.

There are some new things this year. Comment sheets from judges will be emailed to each teacher. The judges will be typing their comments on their personal device so teachers cannot retrieve them at auditions. ALSO, we may not be able to let all teachers know if their students are OPR since we must enter the theory test into the new administrative program Tenuto before they are designated OP or OPR. No money will be exchanged at Auditions. The fee for Regionals will be sent directly to GMTA and the fee for trophies will be sent online to the person who is coordinating the optional trophies.

Each GMTA Regional registration is \$30 with a one-time teacher fee of \$20. Regional registration must be done by the teacher by February 28 online. The Regional video recording must be sent to GMTA by March 22.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Teachers take note if you have entered students with repertoire that exceeds the amount of time allotted by GMTA. Please prepare your students for a possible/probable stop in their audition due to time restraints. Allotted maximum times for the audition: 4-5 grade is 8 minutes, 6-8 grade is 10 minutes and 9-11 grade is 12 minutes. For example, a 7th-Grade student may program two pieces totaling 15 minutes in length, with the understanding that the judge will hear a maximum of 10 minutes of the program. Judges may stop a student on either or both pieces before the maximum time has expired in order to write comments.

**GMTA/GATE Theory** – Rie Hosoi

No report.

**Hospitality** –Nancy Morris.

Thanks to Judy Harper for filling in for last month. Thanks for everyone that helped with set-up today.

**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 online, and the deadline is March 15. Please see the website for the requirements; this is a reminder that students must participate in at least one other GMTA-sponsored event during the school year to be eligible.

**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 added one new member during the past two months. Welcome to Daniel Liebeskind of Stone Mountain who teaches piano.

We also had a member renew her membership, so our grand total of members is 94. Currently MTNA is running the yearly ½ price special for any potential new member. GCMTA and GMTA dues remain the same though.

**Music Day** – Kathy Dawal

No Report

**Music Link** – Chris Morrow

No Report

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

Mary Ann showed the members a picture of the baskets we donated for the conference in November. Thanks to our chapters' generosity, we were able to donate 2 big baskets, a gift card, and some beautiful napkins. One of our members, Ruth Mantooth, won the artist bench.

**Newsletter** – Diana Cleland

Gloria said get articles to her by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Performance Day** – Chris Morrow

Gloria Parks reported that Performance Day brought in about \$100 this year.

**Publicity/Social Media** – (Open)

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

Nominations are now closed, so please stay tuned for the announcement to be made at the May meeting.

**Unfinished Business** –

NONE

**New Business** -

NONE

**Good of Order** – Cathy Thacker has been asked to coordinate volunteers to be door monitors for auditions at the MTNA conference. Volunteers do not have to pay for the conference on the day they are volunteering.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Gloria Park adjourned the business meeting at 10:41 am.

**Attendees:**

Pam Asberry  
Tina Darden  
Mary Marshall Dekkers  
Deb Hughes  
Kimber Kwiatkowski  
Mary Ann McTier  
Nancy Morris  
Gloria Park  
Lois Simom  
Cathy Thacker  
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.*