

## MINUTES

### GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

February 28, 2024

#### Piano Works

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS:

**President** – Gloria Park – Gloria called the meeting to order at 9:57 AM. She thanked the teachers who have helped to make the association's events successful.

**President-Elect** – Kimber Kwiatkowski

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 27. It will be a Masterclass with Dr. Joe Chapman. The following students will be participating:

Avaneesh Singh, student of Tina Darden  
Beethoven Sonata in G, Op. 79, 1st movement

Aislin Burke, student of Kathy Dawal  
Debussy - Sunken Cathedral

George Frilot, student of Jean Mann  
Gillock - Sleighbells in the Snow

There is no meeting in April.

The May luncheon will be Wednesday, May 22 at Grace 1123 House in Snellville, 1123 Dogwood Road.

**Secretary** – Tina Darden – The Minutes from the January Meeting were posted on the website. They were approved as posted.

**Treasurer** – Christina Walldren – The Treasurer's report was emailed to members on Feb. 23. The report shows a closing balance of \$48,831.33. There were no additions or corrections.

#### 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 -- No report

**Directory/Internet** – (Open)

**Federated Festivals** – Judy Harper – There are 306 events in the North festival, not counting students playing out of district.

**West** – Becky Bonam –The festival on Feb. 24 went very smoothly. There were 201 events (2 did not play) with 192 Superior ratings, 6 Excellent and one Needs Improvement in Theory. Twelve students will play in other festivals, 2 played for comments only. The following scholarships were awarded:

Voice – \$100 to Meredith Manlove-Simmons (student of Deb Hughes)

Flute – \$100 to Ava Aldridge (student of Marcia Rygh)

Piano –

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500 to Steven Zhou (student of Deb Hughes)

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$300 to Samara Brown (student of Rebecca Bonam)

3rd place - \$200 to Chizua Ndukwe (student of Susan Andrews)

4th place - \$100 to Alex Baker (student of Rebecca Bonam)

Honorable Mention (Piano Solo) –

Emma Munar (Student of Cathy Thacker)

Victoria Mahecha (Student of Cathy Thacker)

Myra Dang (Student of Susan Andrews)

**North** – Beth Ann Wise/Melissa Slocum – No report

**Central** – Michelle Peck – No report

**GMTA Auditions** – Deb Hughes, NCTM – The event was held on February 17 at Piano Works. Thank you to the 27 teachers who entered students in the 2024 Local Auditions and worked to make it a successful and enjoyable event. The judges were Dr. Jerico Vasquez, Dr. Vicente Della Tonia & Dr. Geoffrey Haydon. There were 102 students who registered (3 withdrew), and 70 students were selected to progress to Regional Auditions. The following are the results:

4th grade- 10 OPR, 3 AE

5th grade- 10 OPR, 8 AE

6th grade - 10 OPR, 3 AE, 1 HM

7th grade - 10 OPR, 2 AE

8th grade - 10 OPR, 3 AE

9th grade - 6 OPR

10th grade- 7 OPR, 1 HM

11th grade - 8 OPR, 1 OP, 2 AE, 2 HM

This was the first year to use GMTA's administrative program Tenuto. Despite some difficulty on audition day, the program streamlined the posting of scores, scheduling, check-in lists, and reporting to teachers through email. The handwritten comment sheets for the judge of grades 4, 10 and 11 will be distributed today.

Extra special thanks: 1. Rie Hosoi who assisted with set up 2. Gloria Park for technology assistance 3. Sun Duck Kim for coordinating the hospitality and 4. Kathy Dawal who handled lunch ordering and delivery. These teachers performed these tasks in addition to working on the day of auditions.

Christina Waldren and Tammy Noh are coordinating the trophy orders which are \$20. Please make sure of the correct spelling when you contact Tammy Noh with your students' names.

Student certificates may be downloaded by the teachers through Tenuto.

Piano Works has been reserved on Saturday, February 15, 2025 for auditions. Deb Hughes will not be the chair in 2025.

**GMTA/GATE Theory** – Rie Hosoi – No report

**Hospitality** –Nancy Morris – Nancy thanked the teachers who provided hospitality and asked for volunteers to bring refreshments to the March meeting.

**Junior/Senior Scholarship** – Cathy Thacker, NCTM -- Jr./Sr. Scholarship competition is set for April 20, 2024, 8:30am-12noon, at PianoWorks. David Watkins will be the judge. Registration is online, and the firm deadline is March 15. Please see the website for the requirements; this is a reminder that students have to participate in at least one other GCMTA-sponsored event during the school year to be eligible.

**MED/PED Scholarship** – Kimber Kwiatkowski – All the details are online on the GCMTA website.

**Member-at-large** – Susan Andrews, NCTM -- No report.

**Membership** – Deb Hughes, NCTM -- One new teacher joined in January. Welcome to Haeun Song Yoon who lives in Lawrenceville and teaches piano and violin. A former member rejoined, so the total GCMTA membership is 96. MTNA membership dues for first-time members are 1/2 price now till the end of June.

**Music Day** – Kathy Dawal – No report

**Music Link** – Chris Morrow -- If any teachers are interested in Music Link, contact Chris Morrow for more information. Chris will be in the Music Link booth in the Exhibit Hall at the MTNA conference.

**MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards** – Mary Ann McTier – No report

**Newsletter** – Diana Cleland -- Reports are due by March 1. Gloria Park expressed appreciation for the excellent job that Diana is doing on the newsletters.

**Performance Day** – Chris Morrow – No report

**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** -- Deb Hughes read thank you notes from her students who were awarded scholarships in the West Gwinnett festival.

**Good of Order** – Cathy Thacker asked teachers to sign the retirement card for MTNA Executive Director Gary Ingle.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Gloria Park adjourned the business meeting at 10:20. Following the meeting, Dr. Alan Woo from the University of Georgia School of Music, presented a program entitled *Etudes to Etudes: The Road to Chopin—A Case for the Czerny Tradition*.

**Attendees:**

Deb Hughes  
Kimber Kwiatkowski  
Judy Harper  
Youn Kyung Jang  
Min Jung Jin  
Hyunjung Kim  
Sun Hee Kim  
Young Lee  
Mary Ann McTier  
Nancy Morris  
Chris Morrow  
Gloria Park  
Jungwon Shin  
Lois Simom  
Yulia Soboleva  
Cathy Thacker  
Christina Walldren  
Ping Xu

*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.*