

MINUTES FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

April 24, 2024

Virtual Meeting

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Gloria Park called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Gloria talked about the good year our chapter has had. We have new members (not all chapters can say that), our student and teacher participation has been excellent at events, Kimber has arranged great programs, and we've enjoyed having our meetings at PianoWorks (thank you Pam Asberry).

President-Elect – Kimber Kwiatkowski

Our last meeting of the school year is Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 10:00 AM. We will have our Teacher of the Year announcement and will vote to accept the 2024-2025 budget.

We will meet at Grace House, 1123 Dogwood Road, Snellville, GA 30078.

Lunch will be catered by Always Fresh. The Cost is \$12 and can be paid via check or cash to Kimber Kwiatkowski. Please email Kimber at kckwiatkowski@att.net with your choice of sandwich: pimento cheese, chicken salad, turkey, ham, or combo (1/2 turkey 1/2 ham). Chips and drinks are included as well as fruit/dessert. Deadline for orders is May 10, 2024.

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

Treasurer – Christina Walldren – The Treasurer's report was emailed to members on 4/22/2024. Since that report was sent out, a check for \$300 has been sent to Duluth First Baptist Church for hosting Music Day in November. The report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory – Cathy Thacker, NCTM – Advisory

The Procedural Manual will be updated over the summer break. Cathy will contact Executive Board members as needed.

Anti-Trust – Mary Ann McTier -- No Report

Certification – Robin Engleman, NCTM – No report

Digital Resources – Kathy Dawal –

Kathy will be sending out pdf documents of web pages to Executive Board members.

Print out the PDF files and mark all changes in a contrasting color, preferably red. Do not use black pencil or black ink as these do not show up well.

Mark all needed changes, then return the documents to Kathy. You may scan them and email them to Kathy, mail them, or give them to her at the May meeting.

If another person needs to contribute to the page, please let Kathy know.

Our website is huge, with a lot of information being repeated on different pages. Where possible, please try to keep information only on one page.

We are asking you not to contact our webmaster directly. We need to make sure all changes are made and sent at one time to our webmaster.

You are welcome to contact Kathy if you need help or have any questions.

Directory/Internet – (Open)

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper – Teachers can pre-order the new Bulletin on May 1st. Gloria mentioned that Pam Asberry is placing an order for 30 copies of the Bulletin.

West – Becky Bonam – The venue is secured for 2025. West Federated will be held at Berean Baptist Church.

North – Beth Ann Wise/Melissa Slocum – No report

Central – Michelle Peck – No report

GMTA Auditions – Deb Hughes said we had a highly successful event this year.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi –

Rie has the GATE exams at her house and will mail them soon. Gloria mentioned the GATE exam is being revamped and that Kimber has arranged for Diane Boyd to speak at our September 2024 program on all the new changes.

Hospitality –Nancy Morris – Thanks to everyone that volunteered to bring snacks this year.

Junior/Senior Scholarship – Cathy Thacker, NCTM –

Jr./Sr. Scholarship took place last Saturday, April 20, 2024, at PianoWorks, with a record number of seventeen entrants. Prior to the competition, two withdrew, and one did not show up on the day of the event. David Watkins, the judge, heard fourteen performances.

Congratulations to the following students and teachers who participated in the 2024 Jr./Sr. Scholarship:

1st place) Nathan Liu, student of Dr. Joanna Kim

2nd place) Abigail Marley, student of Gloria Park

3rd place) Sophia Li, student of Ping Xu

4th place) Claire Jing, student of Ping Xu

Honorable Mentions:

-Ellie Yin, student of Ping Xu

-Daniel Hill, student of Gloria Park

-Dilan Shingadia, student of Gloria Park

-Anna Nguyen, student of Ping Xu

-Amber Chang, student of Ping Xu

-Steven Zhou, student of Debra Hughes, NCTM

-Justin Hwang, student of Dr. Joanna Kim

Thank you to everyone who participated!

MED/PED Scholarship – Kimber Kwiatkowski – Deadline is May 1st, 2024.

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

Membership – Deb Hughes, NCTM – We currently have 96 members, 10 of them new as of this year.

Music Day – Kathy Dawal – First Baptist Duluth is restructuring their fees and will contact Susan Andrews to let her know if we can use their church on November 16.

Music Link – Chris Morrow -- No Report

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

Newsletter – Diana Cleland --. Please send your information to Diana by May 1st for the May newsletter.

Performance Day – Chris Morrow – Chris would like to discuss if we wish to continue this event, and if we want to keep it in December. She feels that it is a tight squeeze between Music Day and Christmas recitals. Would anyone else wish to move this event to another time of the year?

Discussion was had about possibly trying a different day such as Sunday afternoon or looking at different venues (assisted living homes, Chick-fil-a, etc.). The Board Members felt like we should keep it at least another year since we've just added it back into our events.

Publicity/Social Media – (Open)

Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker, NCTM –
Please come to the May meeting to celebrate GCMTA's 2024 Teacher of the Year!

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

After discussion on entry fees for Jr./Sr. Scholarship, Susan Andrews made the motion that we impose a \$35 fee to entrants of the Jr./Sr. Scholarship if they meet the chapter requirement of having participated in at least one of our other chapter events. Kimber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There are funds in the budget to pay for travel expenses for the President and Vice President's travel to the MTNA National Convention. If they are not attending the National Convention, they can use these funds for the State Conference.

After discussion on how much to pay the Jr./Sr. judge, Deb Hughes proposed that we pay the Jr./Sr. judge the same rate as we pay other judges with a minimum of \$200. Cathy Thacker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cathy Thacker made a motion to increase the chair expenses for Federated and local Auditions to \$75. Susan Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cathy Thacker made the motion that for this upcoming year's Federated Festival we award four High School Piano Scholarships in each district, in the amounts of \$500, \$400, \$300, and \$200. Susan Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Currently, Local Auditions is scheduled for February 15, 2025 at PianoWorks. Discussion was had about possibly moving our auditions to another venue.

Kathy Dawal made the motion that for Music Day, teachers may have an adult substitute (preferably one who knows a little about music) or pay a fee in order to not work on Music Day. The fee would be \$50 for a half day or \$100 for a whole day. This would not affect administrative jobs. Susan Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Gloria will ask Diana Cleland to mention in the Newsletter Table of Contents if an announcement is from one of our affiliates.

Deb Hughes made the motion that all names (and paperwork) submitted for Teacher of the Year will be retained for four years, so the teacher can be considered for another year if not selected. Kimber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion was had about how to make the number of entrants manageable in our three Festival Districts. It was decided that for now, we won't take anyone from outside districts to play on Festival Day. However, they can participate virtually with the Central District.

We are increasing the donations to the GMTA Award Fund and the MTNA Foundation Fund to \$100 each in the proposed budget.

Cathy Thacker made the motion to approve the Proposed Budget for the 2024-2025 Year. Kimber seconded the motion. The Budget was approved.

Motion to Adjourn – Gloria Park adjourned the business meeting at 12 :11 pm.

Attendees:

Susan Andrews
Tina Darden
Kathy Dawal
Robin Engleman
Judy Harper
Rie Hosoi
Deb Hughes
Kimber Kwiatkowski
Nancy Morris
Gloria Park
Cathy Thacker
Christina Walldren

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.*