

## MINUTES

### GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

March 27, 2024

#### Piano Works

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS:

**President** – Gloria Park – Gloria called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. She thanked Kimber for organizing a wonderful masterclass. Gloria gave a report on the MTNA conference in Atlanta. She mentioned two of our members who played important roles at the conference. Cathy Thacker did a lot to organize members for masterclasses. Pam Asberry played her own arrangement of *Georgia on My Mind* at the opening session.

**President-Elect** – Kimber Kwiatkowski

There is no meeting in April.

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

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

**Treasurer** – Christina Walldren – The Treasurer's report was emailed to members on March 23. The report shows a closing balance of \$ 35,848.40 (negative \$12,982.93 for the period).

She caught a mistake that she is going to fix. The report is approved with 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 – See North's Report below.

**West** – Becky Bonam – No Report

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

North Federated Festival was held March 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 302 entrants with 19 teachers participating. There were 288 Piano Solo Entrants, 5 Piano Concerto Entrants, 3 Hymn Entrants, 4 Piano Duets, and 2 Theory Entrants. Thanks to all the teachers who helped things run so smoothly.

Scholarship Winners 2024

1. Anna Nguyen
  2. Eric Shu
  3. Michelle Zhou
  4. Andrew Chen
- (All students of Ping Xu)

Honorable Mention

Nicole Lee (student of Ping Xu)  
Dilan Shingadia (student of Gloria Park)  
Daniel Hill (student of Gloria Park)  
Shiloh Grace Neal (Gloria Park)  
Am Shasree Shastrula (Rwei Hao)  
Kira Holubnych (Yulia Soboleva)

**Central** – Michelle Peck – No report

**GMTA Auditions** –

Today is TROPHY DAY!! The trophies for the Outstanding Performer students are being delivered by Tammy Noh at today's meeting. Teachers who purchased them for their Outstanding Performer students were sent a reminder email yesterday. Thank you to Tammy, Gloria Park and Christina Walldren who helped in the trophy process. Deb hopes the students are encouraged and we wish the best of success to all the GCMTA OP students at the Regional & State Auditions.

Deb still has comment sheets for some students. Contact her and she will be glad to scan and send them via email.

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

**Hospitality** – Nancy Morris – Thanks to Ping Xu and Young Lee for providing today's refreshments.

**Junior/Senior Scholarship** – Cathy Thacker, NCTM –

Jr./Sr. Scholarship is set for Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8:15am-1pm, at PianoWorks, with a record number of seventeen entrants. Pam Asberry has graciously agreed to open the store earlier than planned. The performances are open, but please be quietly respectful of the performers and the judge, David Watkins.

**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 –

Each GCMTA member is a duly appointed recruiter for GCMTA. We each are the number one way toward increasing our membership. For example, Deb has invited two teachers to join GCMTA over the past couple of weekends as she judged for Federated Festivals. They were both young women who have just begun their careers in teaching. Both live in Gwinnett County but have never heard of us. Deb is encouraging all those who judge for various music events to be on the watch for potential new GCMTA members. Deb also sent an email to a lady who rents the same facility as she does for recitals inviting the teacher to consider joining us.

Can you think of one way YOU can participate in inviting (BEING a RECRUITER) to join our association? Please email Deb your idea of how WE can be a recruiter. So this is an official call for the "recruitment contest." At the May meeting, Deb will place all of the names of teachers who sent her an idea (or two or three!) and a winner will be selected for a musical grand prize worth over \$150. Her email is [bndhughes@comcast.net](mailto:bndhughes@comcast.net).

We will discuss how to bring in more non-piano teachers at our board meeting.

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

**Music Link** – Chris Morrow --

Chris worked the MusicLink booth at the MTNA Convention and it went very well! We had several new teachers sign up from across the US, including our own Gloria Park!

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

**Newsletter** – Diana Cleland --. No April newsletter but we do have one in May.

**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** –

**Good of the Order** – Pam announced an April 12<sup>th</sup> Piano Duo concert at Piano Works with a duet masterclass in the afternoon. If you would like for your students to participate in the masterclass, please contact [vdelatonia@gsu.edu](mailto:vdelatonia@gsu.edu).

**Motion to Adjourn** – Gloria Park adjourned the business meeting at 11 :21 am.

**Attendees:**

Susan Andrews  
Tina Darden  
Kathy Dawal  
Lisa Gaal  
Kimber Kwiatkowski  
Yoonkyung Jang  
Sun Duck Kim  
Junghee Lee  
Sun Hee Kim  
Young Lee  
Jean Mann  
Nancy Morris  
Tammy Noh  
Gloria Park  
Jungwon Shin  
Lois Simom  
Yulia Soboleva  
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.***