

MINUTES FROM MAY MEETING
GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

May 15, 2024

Grace House, Snellville, GA

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Gloria Park called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. She welcomed everyone and encouraged us to remain enthusiastic about teaching this summer.

President-Elect – Kimber Kwiatkowski thanked everyone for their participation in this year's meetings.

Secretary – Tina Darden – The Minutes from the April Executive Board Meeting were posted on the website. They were approved as posted. Tina also mentioned that Deb Hughes has a song published in the Spring 2024 NFMC Junior Keynotes. Her composition was the 125th Anniversary NFMC Invocation Winner. Congrats Deb!

Treasurer – Christina Walldren – The proposed budget was emailed to members on 5/12/24. The report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory – Cathy Thacker, NCTM

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 is collecting pages from everyone today to update and streamline the website. Please turn your pages in even if you don't have all of your dates yet.

Directory/Internet – (Open)

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper – No Report

West – Becky Bonam – No Report

North – Beth Ann Wise/Melissa Slocum – No Report

Central – Michelle Peck – No Report

GMTA Auditions – Congratulations and thanks to Ping Xu who has accepted the role of Chair for our Local 2025 Auditions! Deb will transition materials and paperwork to her as soon as possible. February 15, 2025, is most likely our auditions date.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi – No Report

Hospitality – Nancy Morris thanked everyone who had volunteered this year.

Junior/Senior Scholarship – Cathy Thacker, NCTM –

Jr./Sr. Scholarship took place on April 20 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!

Next year's Jr./Sr. Scholarship is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2025, at PianoWorks.

MED/PED Scholarship – Kimber Kwiatkowski announced that the scholarship has been awarded to Aidan Furman, student of MaryAnn McTier. Aidan will be attending UGA and majoring in Music Education with a specialty in oboe. Aidan will minor in piano. Congrats to both Aidan and MaryAnn.

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

Membership – Deb Hughes, NCTM shared a poem she had written for the year's end. She reminded any members turning 70 this year that membership is half price. Please remember to renew your membership.

Music Day – Kathy Dawal announced that we have November 16, 2024 reserved at Duluth First Baptist Church.

Music Link – Chris Morrow -- No Report

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

Newsletter – Diana Cleland – No newsletter until August

Performance Day – Chris Morrow – No Report

Publicity/Social Media – (Open)

Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker, NCTM –

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Cathy Thacker made the motion we approve the Proposed Budget. Susan Andrews seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Good of Order –

- The Atlanta Master Chorale is having a Choral Music and Piano Composition Contest.
- Charles Hutton is visiting today. He has recently moved to the Suwanee Area and plans to join our chapter.
- PianoWorks has ordered several Federated Festival Bulletins. If you would like for Pam Asberry to hold one for you, let her know. She'll also let you know when the Federated Music is in the store. There will be a presentation given, but the date is not set yet.
- PianoWorks is hosting a Summer Solstice Concert on June 21st at 3:00 pm. Please let Pam know if you or your students are interested in participating. Pam's e-mail is Pam@pianoworks.com.
- There is a Keith Snell FREE workshop on August 2 from 9:00-noon.
- Pam Asberry has a new album out with 24 Impromptus ranging in difficulty from Intermediate to Early Advanced. CD's and Sheet Music are available.

Motion to Adjourn – Gloria Park adjourned the business meeting at 10:26 am.

Our 2024 GCMTA Teacher of the Year is Pam Asberry. Congratulations Pam! Cathy Thacker made the presentation.

Attendees:

Pam Asberry
Susan Andrews
Tina Darden
Kathy Dawal
Deb Hughes
Charles Hutton
Kimber Kwiatkowski
Francis O. Leach
Mary Marshall Dekkers
MaryAnn McTier
Nancy Morris
Gloria Park
Yulia Sobeleva
Nannette Stariha
Mallory Stiebel
Cathy Thacker

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.

