

MINUTES GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

May 7, 2025

PianoWorks

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Gloria Park called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. Gloria thanked all the officers and members for their help during her term as president. She also said it has been an honor serving as president

President-Elect – Kimber Kwiatkowski – Glad everyone is here. This is our last meeting until September.

Secretary – Tina Darden – The minutes were approved as posted on the GCMTA website.

Treasurer – Christina Walldren – The treasurer's report was approved as emailed to the membership. Gloria handed out copies of the proposed budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory – Cathy Thacker, NCTM – From the Procedural Manual: "I. D. Officers should update their job descriptions at the end of their term(s) for a smooth transition."

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 – Everyone is wrapping things up and getting ready for next year. Melissa Slocum reported that a virtual option is being considered for all three Federated Festivals.

West – Becky Bonam – West Federated is the last Saturday in February

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

Central – Michelle Peck – Kathy Dawal has trophies.

GMTA Auditions – Ping Xu— No Report

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi – No Report

Hospitality – Nancy Morris - Thanks for cooperation the past two years.

Junior/Senior Scholarship – Cathy Thacker, NCTM

Jr./Sr. Scholarship took place on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at PianoWorks. Fifteen students were registered; fourteen performed, and there was one no show.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1. June Choi, student of Dr. Joanna Kim
2. Vincent Li, student of Min-Jung Jin
3. Shiloh Neal, student of Gloria Park
4. Sarah Lackey, student of Mary Ann McTier

Congratulations to the following Honorable Mentions:

- Daniel Hill, student of Gloria Park
- Kale Maxwell, student of Gloria Park
- Dillan Flanagan, student of Pam Asberry
- Miranda Schoon, student of Pam Asberry
- Junhyuk No, student of Tammy Noh
- Myviord Djaja, student of Lisa Gaal, NCTM
- Chase Choi, student of Gloria Park

The 2026 event is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at PianoWorks.

MED/PED Scholarship – Kimber Kwiatkowski said we had no applicants this year.

Member-at-large – Susan Andrews, NCTM – No Report

Membership – Deb Hughes, NCTM— Deb wrote a poem for the meeting.

Music Day –Kathy Dawal - Music Day is scheduled for November 15th

Music Link – Chris Morrow -- has requested her Facebook friends make a donation to Music Link for her birthday.

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

Newsletter – Diana Cleland – Our next newsletter comes out in September. Diana has done a great job this year.

Performance Day – No Report

Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker, NCTM - Stay tuned for the announcement today.

Old Business – Diana Opolka, a former GCMTA member, has passed.

New Business –

The Budget - There are no major changes. It's a very conservative budget. Cathy Thacker made a motion we accept the proposed budget. Susan Andrews seconded the motion. The budget is approved.

Installation of officers – Our new officers were sworn in by Cathy Thacker. They are President – Kimber Kwiatkowski; President-Elect – Kathryn Dawal; Secretary – Tina Darden; and Treasurer – Nancy Morris.

Kimber recognized our immediate past president, Gloria Park, with a plaque.

Cathy Thacker announced our 2025 Teacher of the Year - Debra Hughes.
Congratulations Debra!

Good of Order -

Motion to Adjourn –The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Attendees: Susan Andrews, Tina Darden, Kathy Dawal, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Judy Harper, Debra Hughes, Sun Hee Kim, Kimber Kwiatkowski, Francis Leach, Young Lee, Yumi Patterson, Jungwon Shin, Lois Simon, Melissa Slocum, Mallory Stiebel, Mary Ann McTier, Nancy Morris, Gloria Park, Yulia Soboleva, 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.