

# GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

February 25, 2026

PianoWorks

## OFFICER'S REPORTS:

**President** – Kimber Kwiatkowski called the meeting to order at 9:53 AM.

**President-Elect** – Kathy Dawal – Our next meeting is March 25. We will have a Master Class presented by Dr. Patricia Dinkins-Matthews from Emory University. We have three students scheduled to perform. The Master Class will be held first to allow the students to get back to school. So please be here no later than 9:45 AM.

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

**Treasurer** – Nancy Morris – The opening balance is \$32,615.15 and the closing balance is \$52,111.28. Income and expenses were itemized in the full treasurer's report which was emailed to the membership. The report was approved as emailed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Advisory** – Gloria Park – No Report

**Anti-Trust** – Mary Ann McTier – No Report

**Certification** – Yanni Chan – No Report

**Digital Resources** – Kathy Dawal – Central and North Federated Festivals have their lunch orders online. Please place your lunch orders this week.

**Directory/Internet** – (Open)

**Federated Festivals** – Melissa Slocum – The deadline for switching to the Virtual event is March 8. Scores and rating sheets must be delivered to Kathy Dawal by March 9. Videos must be uploaded to Dropbox by March 12. You will be able to pick up your rating sheets and scores at Kathy Dawal's house after March 15 or at our next meeting on March 25. Video instructions are in our February newsletter, pg. 4. Email Kathy Dawal with any questions.

The festival chairs will meet online in April to discuss next year's festivals. If you have suggestions, please let your chair know.

**West** – Becky Bonam – No Report

**North** – Melissa Slocum/Young Lee – There are 274 events and 5 new teachers. Melissa encouraged everyone to stay positive because our students are probably stressed.

**Central** – Kathy Dawal/Lisa Ogg – **Central Federated** is being held in a new location this year. First Baptist Church in Lawrenceville. The address is Clayton St, but access will be from Luckie St. There is plenty of free, public parking on Luckie Street.

**GMTA Auditions** – Sun Hee Kim – There were 102 registrations, mostly younger students. Results will be posted in the newsletter. Sun Hee suggested possibly moving local auditions to a date that does not fall on a Gwinnett County long weekend. She also said that she needed more teachers to work on the actual day of the event. Certificates and Trophies are here at today's meeting.

**GMTA/GATE Theory** – Rie Hosoi- No Report

**Hospitality** – Sarah Peterson – We need volunteers to bring refreshments for the March meeting.

**Junior/Senior Scholarship** – Cathy Thacker, NCTM -- Jr./Sr. Scholarship is set for Saturday morning, April 18, 2026, at PianoWorks. Dr. Geoffrey Haydon from Georgia State University will be the adjudicator. Registration is online with a \$35 fee, and the firm deadline is March 13, 2026; please see the website at <https://gcmta.org/home/index/student-activities/juniorsenior-scholarship> for the information and repertoire requirements. This is a reminder that students must participate in at least one other GCMTA-sponsored event during the school year to be eligible.

If you have questions, please let Cathy know.

**MED/PED Scholarship** – Kathy Dawal –High school seniors who will pursue a Bachelor of Music Education or Pedagogy are invited to apply for this \$500 scholarship. The application deadline is May 1.

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

**Membership** – Deb Hughes, NCTM— We'd like to welcome two new members, Xiao Shi from Suwanee (violin) and Yingling Zhu from John's Creek (voice). Deb reminded us that there are Educational Webinars on the MTNA website.

**Music Day** -. No Report

**Music Link** – Chris Morrow --.No Report

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

**Newsletter** – Diana Cleland Passmore – No Report

**Performance Day** – We are looking for someone to chair this event.

**Teacher of the Year** – Gloria Park – We have the teacher. Come to our May meeting for the big reveal.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Deb turned in our first NFMC application report. It was due March 1: Parade of American Music that was held in November.

**NEW BUSINESS** -

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** –

**Motion to Adjourn** –The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.

The Meeting was followed by a Teacher Recital featuring various composers, including American Composers Roger Sessions, William Gillock and Debra Brady.

**Attendees:** Debra Brady, Tina Darden, Kathy Dawal, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Vicki Fontana, Judy Harper, Deb Hughes, Sun Hee Kim, Kimber Kwiatkowski, Serene Lee, Young Lee, Jennifer Luo, Gloria Park, Dave Reesman, Jungwin Shin, Melissa Slocum, 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.***