

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes
January 27, 2016 – 9:45AM
1400 Dogwood Road, Snellville, GA

Welcome and Opening – President, *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann McTier called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.

Officer's Reports:

President – *Mary Ann McTier*

MaryAnn welcomed prospective and new members and thanked everyone for accommodating the last-minute change of venue and asked everyone to get acquainted with those seated around them by sharing what tempo marking they would use to describe themselves.

Vice-President – *Eva Bone*

Eva announced that today's program will be a sharing of music games and that next month's speaker will be Natalie Hardy on using an iPad in the music studio.

Reading/Approval of Minutes – *Secretary, Pam Asberry*

The minutes from the November meeting were approved as emailed.
Pam reminded everyone present to sign the attendance sheet.

Treasurer's Report – *Gloria Park*

The treasurer's report was approved as emailed.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee – Eva Bone

Eva stated that there will be a meeting of the advisory committee in February.

Anti-Trust – Cathy Thacker

No report.

Certification – Robin Engleman

Cathy Thacker said that she would be happy to share her experience with the certification process with anyone who is considering certification.

Directory/Handbook – Julie Smith

No report, but Mary Ann shared Julia's recommendation of Teach Piano Today's games subscription, only \$8/month and has revolutionized her off-the-bench teaching.

Ensemble Extravaganza Concert – Pam Asberry

Pam said that the details for this event are available on the website.

Federated Festivals – Nora Martin

West – Susan Andrews

Susan said approximately 320 students are registered in multiple events.

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Central – Nora Martin

Nora said there are 18 teachers participating, with 232 students registered for 295 events, including 42 students who will take the music theory test.

North – Judy Harper

Judy Harper said to contact her with any out of district requests.

Fry's Performance Day – Lois Simon

Lois said there were challenges with holding the event at Fry's so next year we will use a different venue.

Music Day – Brooke Dunn

Brooke said that she is hoping to secure November 12, 2016 as our date for next year.

GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann

Jean shared her excitement with several new teachers entering students in local auditions this year. There are 14 teachers and 42 students registered. She asked teachers to remind their students to park behind PianoWorks and that registration is in the back of the store. For all OP students trophies will be ready for pick-up at Both Awards after March 4th. If they are available sooner teachers will receive an email. She also reminded teachers to leave a check for \$36 for each OP student plus a one-time \$20 teacher fee at the end of the day.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Debbie Murphy

Jean Mann said that Robin Engelman will email the test schedule when it is available and that practice tests are available on the GMTA website.

Hospitality – Tina Darden

Tina thanked everyone who helped set up for today's brunch.

Junior/Senior Scholarship – Yumi Patterson

Mary Ann reminded everyone that the application deadline is Monday and to email Yumi with questions.

Membership – Deb Hughes

Deb challenged everyone to invite someone new to join our group.

MTNA Foundation Awards – Deb Brady

No report.

Newsletter – Natalie Hardy/Judy Harper

Natalie Hardy announced that the deadline for the February newsletter is February 1st. Contributions should be emailed to gcmtamail@gmail.com and should be sent in a Word document, not in the body of an email.

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Placement – Chris Morrow

Chris sent word that two parents had contacted her needing teachers for viola and piano.

Publicity – Pam Asberry

Pam explained the difference between GCMTA's Facebook page and Facebook group and encouraged members to participate in both.

Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker

Cathy said the deadline for nominations to honor an outstanding member of our group is extended to January 31st.

Venue – Rebecca Bonam

No report.

Website – Kathy Dawal

Kathy sent word that online registration for NFMC was successful and that the recently purchased software installation went well. She asked anyone wishing to add online registration for an event to contact her and reminded everyone to sign up for the email list if they haven't done so already.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Good of the Order – Announcements

Mary Ann McTier reminded everyone that the late registration deadline for MTNA Nationals is February 3rd.

Adjourn

Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 10:45AM.

Program

Brunch, Music Games

ATTENDANCE:

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Natalie Hardy, Deb Hughes, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Brooke Dunn, Lois Simon, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Jean Mann, Rachel Timmer, Gina Myung, John Ann, Mary-Marshall Dekkers, Jenny McCormick, Lois Sivert, Abbe Burkholder, Judy Harper, Lisa Bong, Junghee Lee