

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes
September 23, 2015 – 9:45AM
Lawrenceville Church of God
329 Grayson Highway, Lawrenceville, Georgia

Welcome and Opening – President, *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann McTier called the meeting to order at 9:51AM. **Officer's Reports:**

President – *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann welcomed all members and guests and thanked Tina Darden and Music & Arts for providing hospitality. She mentioned several upcoming events: the GMTA State Conference November 5-7 at Agnes Scott College in Decatur; the Cambridge Academy Recital in Johns Creek September 26th at 4PM featuring GCMTA members Stephanie Freeman, Mary Parsons, et al; The Atlanta Early Music Alliance workshop and master class to be held in late January at Peachtree Christian Church in Atlanta; and the MTNA National Conference April 2-6 in San Antonio, Texas. She encouraged those who haven't yet renewed their membership to do so.

Vice-President – *Eva Bone*

Eva provided an overview of this year's programs and recommended a podcast, *Classics for Kids*.

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

Minutes approved as emailed and amended.
Attendance was taken.

Treasurer's Report – *Gloria Park*

Gloria said the 2015-2016 budget has been approved by the executive board and will be presented for a vote under new business.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee – Eva Bone

No report.

Placement – Chris Morrow

Chris asked that teachers with openings for new students get in touch with her.

Anti-Trust – Cathy Thacker

Cathy recommended that teachers check the MTNA website for an overview of MTNA's anti-trust regulations, as there are topics which we are not allowed to discuss as a group.

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Certification – Robin Engleman

Robin read a statement from the MTNA website describing the certification process and asked that members interested in pursuing certification get in touch with her.

Directory/Handbook – Julie Smith

Julie reported that the directory and handbook are online and a limited number of print copies are available for a small fee.

Ensemble Extravaganza Concert – Pam Asberry

Pam announced that this event will be held on April 30, 2016 from 3-5PM at PianoWorks. Rebekah Healen will judge. Pam and Nora Martin have compiled a list of all the music in the GMTA library from the old format ensemble concert this music is now for sale to the membership @ \$3/book or \$1/sheet.

Federated Festivals – Nora Martin

Nora reminded the membership that all club dues must be paid today.

West – Susan Andrews

This event will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Berean Baptist Church.

Central – Nora Martin

This event will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Berean Baptist Church.

North – Nancy Morris

This event will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Duluth First Baptist Church.

Fry's Performance Day – Lois Simon

Lois described the event, to be held on December 5, 2015. The overall presentation must sound advanced so teachers should plan to accompany younger students.

Music Day – Brooke Dunn

Brooke reminded the membership that registration will close October 9th for this event, to be held on November 14, 2015 at Duluth First Baptist Church. Expect to wait about a week for performance schedules and teacher work assignments.

Local Auditions – Jean Mann

Jean announced that the deadline for applications is January 20th for this event, to be held at PianoWorks on February 20, 2016, and encouraged teachers to enter students for the experience of playing among the best students in the county, as the winners do not necessarily play the most difficult selections but offer the most musical performances.

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Theory – Debbie Murphy

Debbie Murphy announced that the GMTA theory test will be given at Music Day and is available to anyone. The GATE test, now required for pre-college local piano auditions, will be given at local auditions. Details and practice tests for both are available on the GMTA website.

Hospitality – Tina Darden

Tina said that she is looking for a co-chair to help with hospitality.

Junior/Senior Scholarship – Yumi Patterson

Yumi announced that this event will be held on March 12, 2016 at 9AM at Berean Baptist Church. Details are available in the directory.

Membership – Deb Hughes

Deb asked new members to introduce themselves and conducted a drawing among them to win registration fees for the GMTA state conference.

MTNA Foundation Awards – Deb Brady

Deb explained the three award funds – the Composition Award Fund, the Broadhurst Junior Award, and the Honors Award Fund – and announced that she is accepting donations for the framing of her artwork and an accompanying gift card from Music and Arts for the raffle at the GMTA state conference.

Newsletter – Natalie Hardy/Judy Harper

Natalie Hardy announced that the deadline for the October newsletter is October 1st. Contributions should be emailed to gcmtamail@gmail.com and each committee chair is encouraged to make a submission. Anyone in need of a printed newsletter should contact Judy Harper.

Publicity – Pam Asberry

Pam encouraged members to watch GCMTA's Facebook page for announcements and join the Facebook group and participate in discussions there.

Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker

Cathy said the deadline for nominations to honor an outstanding member of our group is December 31st. The form is available on the website and the winner will be acknowledged at the May luncheon.

Venue – Rebecca Bonam

No report.

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Website – Kathy Dawal

Kathy thanked everyone who contributed to the website and reminded members to join the email list if they haven't already.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Susan Andrews moved that the 2015-2016 budget be approved as presented; Nora Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Good of the Order – Announcements

Deb Hughes announced that Atlanta Music Club is sponsoring a concert of the Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra to be held at Symphony Hall on September 27th. Tickets are \$20.

Mary Ann McTier described her “Play for Food” program, in which for every hour of practice students secure sponsors to donate a can or a box of food which she then collects and donates to a local food pantry. Contact Mary Ann if you would like a copy of her documents and let her know if you would like your students to participate.

The winners of the registration fees for the state conference were Janice Vernon and Abbe Burkholder.

Adjourn

Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 10:53AM.

Program

Dr. Jerico Vasquez, *Creative Housekeeping: The Private Studio as a Business*

ATTENDANCE:

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Kathy Dawal, Julie Smith, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Debby Brady, Chris Morrow, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Brooke Dunn, Debbie Murphy, Lois Simon, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Jean Mann, Rebecca Bonam, Abby Burkholder, Ashlee Cave, Junghee Lee, Janice Vernon, Judy Harper, Jenny Pennington, Adriana Boceneanu, Aza Boguslavskiy, Melinda Hubbell, Law Wai Yee Agnes, Nannette Stantha, Eenju Yeo, Lois Sivert, Mijung Kim, Min-Jong Jin, Ginger Tankersley, Tricia Troester, Lisa Bong, Etsuko Tomeda, Mary Parsons, Candice Wiginton, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Rei Hosoi, Ruth Mantooth, Jenny McCormick, Lisa Gaal