

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes
October 26, 2016 – 9:45 AM
Lawrenceville Church of God
329 Grayson Highway, Lawrenceville, GA

Welcome and Opening –

President, *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann McTier called the meeting to order at 9:50AM.

Deb Hughes performed a vocal selection from Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

Officer's Reports:

President, *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann welcomed old and new members and visitors. She thanked Tina Darden for today's refreshments and asked for volunteers to help Tina set up for future meetings. She reminded the membership of the upcoming state conference (November 3-5, 2016 at Wesleyan College) and the national conference (March 18-22, 2017 in Baltimore). She mentioned new attendance incentive program and said there will be a drawing at the conclusion of today's program.

Vice-President, *Eva Bone*

Eva said that next month's program will be *The Piano Music of Zdenek Fibich* presented by Pam Asberry.

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

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as emailed. Pam thanked those who provide her with written or emailed copies of their monthly reports.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, *Gloria Park*

The treasurer's report was approved as emailed.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee – Eva Bone

Eva said that corrections are ready to submit to the executive board for approval.

Anti-Trust – Cathy Thacker

No report.

Certification – Robin Engleman

Robin said that she will be pursuing certification in voice beginning in November and would be happy to work alongside anyone else interested and asked everyone to consider their philosophy of education.

Directory/Handbook – Julie Smith

Questions were raised about a few inconsistencies regarding Performance Day and others.

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Federated Festivals – Nora Martin

No report.

GCMTA Performance Day – Lois Simon

Debby Brady passed around a sign up sheet for this year's event, which will be held at Gwinnett Hospital Extended Care facility on December 3rd from 10AM until 7:30PM. All students (including beginners) are invited to participate.

GCMTA Music Day – Brooke Dunn

Brooke said there are 267 students registered for Music Day including 5 MusicLink students! 13 of these students are also participating in a second event. Approximately \$5,900 has been collected from which expenses must be deducted. 60 Cash prizes will be awarded. Now is the time to be sending your students' comments/rating sheets home with them! You may also send the parent letter provided. Participating teachers should hear from Michelle Peck in the near future about hospitality and lunch orders. The set-up team will be at First Baptist Church of Duluth Friday, November 11th. Cathy Thacker, Jean Mann, Michelle Peck, and Deb Murphy will be heading this up. Please let Cathy Thacker know if you can help. The teacher work schedule was emailed out at the end of last week. Anyone who did not receive it should contact Brooke. Everyone should read through their job description carefully and make plans to arrive early. The AM shift begins at 8:15. The PM shift begins at 12:30. Brooke is still the contact person for any literature adjustments or other issues. Please contact her through email with questions.

GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann

Jean said auditions will be held on February 18, 2017 at PianoWorks. The registration deadline is January 20, 2017. Teachers must go online at the GMTA website and create an account in order to register. Fill out one for auditions and one for theory. All teachers that enter students must work the day of the audition. No substitutes will be allowed.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Debbie Murphy

Debbie said that 50 students are registered for theory at Music Day, up from 35 last year. Those who have agreed to loan boom boxes should bring them to the church the Friday before Music Day by 11AM or the day of the event by 8:15 AM. She still needs four more boom boxes. She thanked Nora Martin for loaning all the headphone needed. She has received all the tests and CD's from the state. Rei Hosoi is preparing the test schedule which will be emailed next Monday. Practice tests are available on the GMTA website.

Hospitality – Tina Darden

Tina thanked Mary Ann for bringing the delicious pumpkin bread and thanked her husband for his assistance as well.

Junior/Senior Scholarship – Yumi Patterson

Junior/Senior Scholarship auditions will be held on March 11, 2017 at PianoWorks. The application deadline is February 1, 2017. Contact Yumi with any questions. The adjudicator will be Portia Hawkins. The format is an open audition.

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Membership – Deb Hughes

Deb welcomed new member Lovenia Greene and passed out invitations to share with prospective members.

MTNA Foundation Awards – Deb Brady

Deb collected of published music written by GCMTA members and a piece of jewelry made by Pam Asberry to be placed in a basket for the scholarship foundation raffle at the state conference. There will also be a raffle for a hydraulic piano bench donated by PianoWorks.

Newsletter – Natalie Hardy/Judy Harper

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

Nominating –

No report.

Placement – Chris Morrow

No report.

Publicity – Pam Asberry

No report.

Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker

Cathy said purpose of the GCMTA Teacher of the Year Award is to encourage and reward excellence and effectiveness in teaching as well as to give honor and recognition of continuing high quality service done for the good of GCMTA. One GCMTA Teacher of the Year Award is given annually to a GCMTA member. Eligibility criteria and the nomination form are available on the GCMTA website. Download the nomination form, complete and mail it to Cathy Thacker, 2603 Twilight View, Snellville, GA 30078. The deadline is December 31, 2016.

Venue – Rebecca Bonam

No report.

Website – Kathy Dawal

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

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Good of the Order – Announcements

Deb Hughes mentioned that performance opportunities and scholarships are available through the Atlanta Music Club.

Cathy Thacker passed around flyers inviting members to participate in the Georgia Musicale Group.

Mary Ann McTier suggested that members be on the lookout for email notifications regarding upcoming MTNA webinars.

Adjourn

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

Program

A Panel of Teachers – Studio & Pedagogy Questions

Susan Andrews, Jean Mann & Yumi Patterson

ATTENDANCE:

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Debby Brady, Chris Morrow, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Brooke Dunn, Debbie Murphy, Nora Martin, Susan Andrews, Jean Mann, Yumi Patterson, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Lovenia Greer, Stephanie Freeman, Rei Hosoi, Jenny McCormick, Yoonmi Choi, Junghee Lee, Ginger Tankersley