

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes
November 16, 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 9:54AM.

Officer's Reports:

President, *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann welcomed old and new members and visitors. She thanked Ginger Tankersley for filling in for Tina with refreshments setup and Music and Arts for providing food. She congratulated member Brooke Dunn and her husband Will on the birth of a daughter, Autumn Lorraine, born Sunday, November 13th. She said that about a dozen GCMTA members attended the state conference in Macon, enjoying many great sessions including three by our own members (Eva Bone, Deb Hughes and Pam Asberry). She asked those who attended to share their favorite teaching tip gleaned from the conference. She said the national conference will be held March 18-22 in Baltimore; the deadline for early registration is December 5th. She said the monthly attendance incentive drawing will take place at the conclusion of today's program.

Vice-President, *Eva Bone*

Eva said that next month's program will be the annual brunch at the 1123 House in Snellville. She asked teachers to bring their favorite piece of sheet music for a sheet music swap.

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

The minutes from the October meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, *Gloria Park*

The treasurer's report was approved as emailed.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee – Eva Bone

No report.

Anti-Trust – Cathy Thacker

No report.

Certification – Robin Engleman

No report.

Directory/Handbook – Julie Smith

Julie sent word that she is working with Kathy Dawal on the current member list for the website and she will email the file to everyone once it is converted to PDF.

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Federated Festivals – Nora Martin

Nora reminded members that it is time to begin choosing music for students who will participate in NFMC Federated Festivals. Registration will open soon. Check the website nfmc-music.org for information about the NFMC Symposium featuring Wendy Stevens to be held at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church October 13-14, 2017 as well as young artist scholarship opportunities.

GCMTA Performance Day – Lois Simon

Lois said this year's event will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at the Gwinnett Hospital Extended Care Facility on Professional Drive. This event is open to all ages; the cost is \$8/student. Lois needs a list from each teacher of participating students and a check for registration fees no later than the Monday after Thanksgiving. Also each teacher should bring a performance program to post on the easel the day of the event.

GCMTA Music Day – Brooke Dunn

Brooke will give a full report on Music Day at the January brunch.

GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann

Jean sent word that 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 sent word that there were 50 students registered this year. She thanked Rie Hosin for a great job scheduling considering there were many special requests and unfortunately a lot of last minute requests for changes. She also thanked those who loaned head phones, CD players, pencils and pencil sharpener. Test results will not be available until May 2017. The morning ran smoothly; however, due to the church changing our testing room at the last minute the size of our room was cut in half. Unfortunately, the schedule fell behind mid-afternoon, but we took measures to move things along as best as we could, moving students into the lunch room, the office and every space available. She sent apologies to parents of students who had to wait due to circumstances beyond our control.

Hospitality – Tina Darden

No report.

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.

Membership – Deb Hughes

Deb welcomed visitors and passed out invitations to share with prospective members.

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MTNA Foundation Awards – Deb Brady

No report.

Newsletter – Natalie Hardy/Judy Harper

Natalie said the deadline for the January newsletter is January 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 the deadline to nominate someone for Teacher of the Year is December 31, 2016.

Venue – Rebecca Bonam

No report.

Website – Kathy Dawal

No report.

Unfinished Business

Eva Bone said the new projector and screen will be purchased soon.

New Business

None.

Good of the Order – Announcements

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

Mary Ann McTier shared “Twenty Reasons to Thank a Music Teacher.”

Adjourn

Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 10:36AM.

Program

The Piano Music of Zdenek Fibich, Pam Asberry

ATTENDANCE:

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Cathy Thacker, Lois Simon, Susan Andrews, Yumi Patterson, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Lisa Bong, Ginger Tankersley, Yoonmi Choi, Gina Myung, Lisa Gaal, Thomas Wubbenhorst, Kristi Helfen