

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association Minutes
January 25, 2017– 9:45 AM
1123 House
Snellville, GA

Welcome and Opening –

President, *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann McTier called the meeting to order at 10:12AM.

Officer's Reports:

President, *Mary Ann McTier*

Mary Ann welcomed new member Gina Myung, other members and visitors. She thanked Grace Fellowship Church for the use of the 1123 House. She mentioned that there are many GCMTA events to look forward to in the coming weeks and months, including the free UGA Symposium on Saturday, February 11th, "Piano Teaching & Technology in the 21st Century."

Vice-President, *Eva Bone*

Eva said that next month's program will be February 22nd with Kristi Helfen presenting a program on the music of Stephen Heller. Our annual master class will be March 29th.

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

The minutes from the November meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, *Gloria Park*

The treasurer's report was approved as emailed. Gloria noted that checks for Performance Day will be deposited shortly.

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 the directory is now available on the website.

Federated Festivals – Nora Martin

Nora said that West district is adding a judge due to increased enrollment. Enrollment in Central district is about the same as last year. She said that teachers with students who need to play out of district should get in touch with both chairpersons.

GCMTA Performance Day – Lois Simon

Lois entertained discussion among teachers who participated in the December event and suggested we consider other options for next year.

GCMTA Music Day – Brooke Dunn

Brooke gave a detailed account of the results from Music Day.

GMTA Auditions – Jean Mann

Mary Ann read Jean's report, which was as follows. Local Auditions and GATE Theory testing will be February 18, 2017 at PianoWorks. We have 31 entrants representing 12 teachers. At the end of the day teachers must leave one check for \$36 for each OP Winner and a one-time teacher fee of \$20. All teachers must work the day of the audition. Please ask students to park at the rear of the building. Jean will pick up the trophies at Both Awards about a week after the audition and bring them to the next GCMTA meeting. Alternately, teachers may make arrangements to get their trophies beforehand at Both Awards or from Jean. Teachers will receive the performance, theory test and work schedule by email. Teachers with special work requests should let Jean know. Please call or email me Jean with questions.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Debbie Murphy

No report.

Hospitality – Tina Darden

Tina thanked everyone for coming to today's brunch.

Junior/Senior Scholarship – Yumi Patterson

The event is scheduled at PianoWorks on Saturday, March 11th starting at 9AM. The deadline for the application is February 1, 2017. The application form is available on the GCMTA website.

Membership – Deb Hughes

Deb welcomed Gina Myung and said she is looking for volunteers to serve as mentors. She presented a gift to Stephanie Freeman, who brought a guest today.

MTNA Foundation Awards – Deb Brady

No report.

Newsletter – Natalie Hardy/Judy Harper

Natalie said 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.

Nominating –

Eva said the nominating committee is hard at work.

Placement – Chris Morrow

No report.

Publicity – Pam Asberry

No report.

Teacher of the Year – Cathy Thacker

Nominations for the 2017 GCMTA Teacher of the Year have closed. Cathy thanked everyone for the wonderful entries submitted this year. The TOTY committee will review the submissions and make its decision and the 2017 Teacher of the Year will be announced at the May meeting.

The purpose of the GCMTA TOTY 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 TOTY Award will be given annually to a GCMTA member.

Venue – Rebecca Bonam

No report.

Website – Kathy Dawal

No report.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None.

Good of the Order – Announcements

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

Natalie Hardy shared her “Cat in the Hat Songbook” with the group.

Mary Ann McTier shared twelve piano quotes and did the drawing for the attendance award.

Adjourn

Mary Ann McTier adjourned the meeting at 10:54AM.

Program

Achieve Music by Steve Freeman.

Sheet music exchange.

ATTENDANCE:

Mary Ann McTier, Eva Bone, Pam Asberry, Gloria Park, Natalie Hardy, Robin Engleman, Deb Hughes, Tina Darden, Cathy Thacker, Brooke Dunn, Lois Simon, Judy Harper, Nora Martin, Yumi Patterson, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Stephanie Freeman, Steve Freeman, Ginger Tankersley, Lovenia Greer, Gina Myung