

GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

January 26, 2022 @ 10:00a.m.

Flowers Crossing clubhouse, 639 Flowers Crossing Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Cathy Thacker

Cathy Thacker called the meeting to order at 10:03a.m. She shared a selection from *Year of Wonder: Classical Music for Every Day*.

She mentioned that the MTNA conference has been cancelled in-person (virtual only), and she reminded the members to vote for Joy Poole as Southern Division Director in the upcoming MTNA election.

If anyone brought checks for Robin, she asked them to give them to her.

President-Elect – Gloria Park

We will be back at Lawrenceville First Baptist Church for our next meetings:

February 23, 2022

Dr. Monique Arar: Embracing an 18th-Century Musical Mindset in a 21-st Century World

March 23, 2022

Masterclass with Prof. David D'Ambrosio

Secretary—Debbie Murphy

The Minutes for the November meeting are posted on the website. They stand approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Robin Engleman

The Treasurer's report was emailed to the membership. There was no discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory – Pam Asberry

No report

Anti-Trust – Mary Ann McTier

No report

Certification – Robin Engleman

No report

Digital Resources – Kathy Dawal

If anyone in charge of an upcoming event would like help in creating an online form for items such as lunch orders, or uploading files, or if you would like to explore other digital options, please contact Kathy Dawal.

Directory/Internet – Kimber Kwaitkowski

No report

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper

No report

Cathy Thacker mentioned that she will send information regarding safety protocols for the upcoming festivals to each Federated Chairman.

North – Beth Ann Wise

The deadline for entering your students on the Vivace program for North Federated Festival is quickly approaching. This Saturday, the 29th, is the deadline to register your student information into the Vivace system.

This program is new to all of us and will take a little longer than previous years. Your registration has to be approved by an administrator. Once it is approved you may print your rating sheets. Everything you need is already generated on these rating sheets. Please check your registration very carefully.

After you have registered, print your list from the registration and send it to me. Your check goes to GCMTA Treasurer, Robin Engleman, 5518 Chimney Hollow, Norcross 30093.

The link for the Vivace tutorial is on the GCMTA website under Vivace Tutorial. It is located at the bottom of the page. Your username for Vivace is your email address. Your password is FirstnameLastname1.

We are considering an all in-person Festival on March 26th. All teachers must attend Festival and help with all the Covid protocols that need to be followed. We will follow all the safety protocols for the in-person Festival as we did last year. This worked very well.

Several of our teachers have already successfully registered their students for Festival. Thank you for registering early.

West – Becky Bonam

We anticipate well over 200 in our festival and are pleased that most students want to come "in person." A few will take advantage of the virtual option and we have that area covered for those who want to participate virtually.

Our church will be supplying bottled water and pre-packaged snacks for parents and students in the waiting area.

Judges have been acquired and we anticipate a successful event.

Central – Michelle Peck

No report

GMTA Auditions – Jiyeon Kwak

Online registration closed on January 15th. We have 18 teachers and 53 students participating this year.

All the performance schedules and teacher work schedules have been emailed so we are ready for February 12th.

GATE has been cancelled this year due to the rise of COVID cases. Refund will be given to all the teachers but if you haven't received the refund after a week has passed, please let Jiyeon know, and she will contact the GMTA. Several emails were received asking about changing the performance part of the auditions to virtual, but our Local Auditions will be In-Person only.

Please prepare a check for \$15 per student at the local auditions to pay for GCMTA (to cover for OPR trophies).

Regional Auditions will be video submissions only. The State will contact OPR student teachers and give out the instructions via email after they get the finished results from Jiyeon so, please be patient and do not email Jiyeon right away after the Local Auditions.

Jiyeon will need some volunteers to bring items for the morning refreshments. (e.g., coffee, bagels, muffin, napkins). Please email her if any of you can bring anything. Lunch will be taken care of for the teachers working full day. We will probably use DoorDash or go with an option Katheryn Dawal has suggested.

If there are any questions, please email/text Jiyeon (see contact info below). Good luck to all the participating teachers and students!

Jiyeon Kwak
GCMTA Local Auditions Chair
661.305.9980
jiyeonkwak@icloud.com

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi

For 2022, the Executive Board voted that the GATE requirement will be waived due to rise in COVID cases and some local associations opting to hold virtual events.

For those who have registered/paid for GATE but not taken the test:
Refund will be given. Please allow 1 week for refund processing.

Hospitality – Tina Darden
No report

Junior/Senior Scholarship Audition – Yumi Patterson

Junior senior scholarship is scheduled for April 16, 2022, at PianoWorks recital hall.

The deadline for the application is Friday, March 11.

Please check the application procedure and the eligibility on the GCMTA website.

MED/PED Scholarship – Gloria Park

If you have a high school senior who will be pursuing a degree in music education or pedagogy, please have them apply for our scholarship. Applications are due on May 1. All information is in our website.

Member-at-large – Susan Andrews
No report

Membership – Deb Hughes

New members can join for half price and still have all of the benefits of MTNA.

No new members have joined this past month but we always welcome potential new teachers to join us at our GCMTA meetings. There is a special music 'reward' for teachers who bring a friend.

If you find a mistake in the Directory regarding your information, please contact Deb Hughes.

Music Day – Patti Bennett
No report

Music Link – Nora Martin

There are no outstanding students needing a teacher!

MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards – Mary Ann McTier

GCMTA donations for the conference were very generous and our prize was well received!

Newsletter – Diana Cleland

No report

Performance Day – Lois Simon

No report

Publicity/Social Media – (Open)

Teacher of the Year – Pam Asberry

The votes are in and our 2022 GCMTA Teacher of the Year has been selected! Be sure to attend the May luncheon for the big reveal!

Unfinished Business -

None

New Business –

None

Good of Order –

Mary Marshall Dekkers stated that Music & Arts in Lawrenceville needs piano teachers.

Timothy Jones mentioned he will be moving to Washington, DC to work for the Library of Congress.

Motion to Adjourn (person/time) – 10:26a.m.

Attendees:

Patti Bennett

Ngan Nei Chan

Tina Darden

Mary Marshall Dekkers

Rie Hosoi

Deb Hughes

Timothy Jones

Kimber Kwiatkowski

Nora Martin

Mary Ann McTier

Debbie Murphy

Gloria Park

Cathy Thacker

Beth Ann Wise

Eunju Yeo