

GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

March 23, 2022

Lawrenceville First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, GA.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Cathy Thacker – Cathy Thacker called the business meeting to order at 11:00a.m. Cathy welcomed the members, read a poem about March, announced that Joy Poole was elected the Southern Division Director in the recent MTNA Division Directors election, and reminded everyone that she will “attend” the virtual MTNA conference on behalf of GCMTA, from March 26-30. She told the members that the GMTA state conference will be held on November 3-5 at Kennesaw State University and reminded everyone that the deadline to submit program proposals to GMTA is April 1. The pedagogy headliner will be Wynn-Anne Rossi, and the conference recitalist will be Paul Barnes.

President-Elect – Gloria Park

No monthly meeting in April. Executive Board meeting will be held.

May luncheon will be held on 5/18 at:

Grace Snellville 1123 House

1123 Dogwood Rd SW

Snellville, GA 30078

Secretary—Debbie Murphy – Mary Ann McTier recorded the minutes in Debbie’s absence. Minutes for the (month) meeting are posted on the website. They stand as emailed.

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

Over the past couple of months, we have been taking care of Virtual Uploads for two of the Federated Festivals. While there were a few glitches, Central judges were able to review all submitted videos and scores. Lunches were ordered online as well. Virtual uploads for North’s Festival closes March 26.

For any upcoming events, an adaptable online lunch ordering form is available. Please contact Kathy Dawal for further information or to get help with virtual uploads.

Directory/Internet – Kimber Kwaitkowski

No report

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper

No report

North – Beth Ann Wise

North Gwinnett Federated Festival is this Saturday, March 26th at First Baptist Church, Duluth.

Please encourage your students to be on time and bring the rating sheet that you have printed from Vivace.

Handwritten rating sheets will not be permitted this year.

Many thanks to Judy for setting up the schedule and special thanks to Sarah for taking care of the virtual performances. We will see you all this Saturday.

West – Becky Bonam

Our festival is over and now we are just waiting on cups and certificates. Other than that, I really don't have anything to report.

Trophy Celebration is Julie Vu's company.

\$5 per plate, as many words and lines that will fit.

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Central – Michelle Peck

Many thanks to the fantastic teachers and judges at the Central Federated Festival. Our event was a hybrid Festival (in-person and virtual via YouTube submissions) held on March 5th at Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula. We had approximately 300 students, 15 teachers, and 7 student volunteers. We hosted 6 events – Piano Solo, Theory, Piano Concerto, Piano Duet, Piano Hymn Playing, and Clarinet solo. Many of these students participated in multiple events.

The chairman is still struggling with using Vivace so we don't know how many Superiors we had (yet), but we do know that we didn't have anything less than Excellent! We are still waiting for some students to play out of district before we can issue our final report and JR forms (to Deb). The financial report will also be coming soon (to Robin).

Kristi Helfen was the high school adjudicator, and these are the winners from that competition.

High school winners

1st Place - Abigail Marley (Jean Mann)

2nd Place - Ipsita Bhattacharya (Eunju Yeo)

3rd Place - Michael Modrich (Mary Ann McTier)

Lastly, I want to thank the Central teachers who did a great job before and during the event! We have a great team and I'm proud of the hard work and dedication you put into your students.

GMTA Auditions – Jiyeon Kwak

The deadline has passed for video submissions (3/19).

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi

No report

Hospitality – Tina Darden

No report

Junior/Senior Scholarship Audition – Yumi Patterson

Junior Senior Scholarship auditions will be at PianoWorks on Saturday, April 16 starting at 9 AM.

7 students applied. Dr. Geoffrey Heydon will be our judge.

The auditions will be open to anyone who would like to attend, but no applause, please.

Winner announcement at 11:30

Teachers will be getting information by email.

MED/PED Scholarship – Gloria Park

Deadline is May 1st. Details on website.

Member-at-large – Susan Andrews

No report

Membership – Deb Hughes

HEARTIEST WELCOME to our newest members!! We have the privilege of three new members joining GCMTA this past month :

1. **Dr. Hyun Jang** of Duluth who teaches piano
2. **Rachel Timmer** of Lawrenceville who teaches piano/woodwinds
3. **Jungwon Shin** of Buford who teaches strings(?)

We are so very happy and excited to have these teachers link arms with us in helping music students learn well! As GCMTA members we all not only enjoy the benefits of our local association but also those of GMTA and MTNA.

NOTE: We do have a need for **mentors** and so ask if there is any veteran member who would kindly come alongside of a new member to help them with questions about how we do our various events, please contact Debra Hughes.

We each are **ambassadors** (an authorized messenger or representative) of our organization so please know we all are duly appointed to invite music teachers whom you feel are potential new members to our meetings as you pass out our GCMTA calling card invitations.

I have a bag of useful music teacher items today for those who have brought a guest to our meeting. In fact, if anyone passed out a GCMTA card this past month, I will give one to you too. Anyone?

Music Day – Patti Bennett

No report

Music Link – Nora Martin

No report

MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards – Mary Ann McTier

No report

Newsletter – Diana Cleland

No April newsletter

Performance Day – Lois Simon

No report

Publicity/Social Media – (Open)

Teacher of the Year – Pam Asberry
Come to the May luncheon to find out!

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

Good of Order –

Deb Hughes – Federation certificates were ordered in October. We were informed they were shipped this month, but we don't have them yet. Chairmen will notify you when they arrive.

Becky Bonam – Would love for teachers to take part in the Technithon and Hymnfest on April 23rd. The deadline to sign up is being extended to April 1st.

Mary Ann McTier – *Debussy Plays Debussy*- The composer's own recording on Amazon Prime Music; Quite interesting!

Motion to Adjourn (person/time) – Cathy Thacker adjourned the meeting at 11:25a.m.

Attendees:

Susan Andrews

Pam Asberry

Tina Darden

Mary Marshall Dekkers

Robin Engleman

Judy Harper

Deb Hughes

Kimber Kwiatkowski

Mary Ann McTier

Gloria Park

Yumi Patterson

Cathy Thacker

Rie Hosoi

Jungwon Shin

Ngan Nei (Yanni) Chan