

MINUTES

GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

October 26, 2022

Lawrenceville First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, GA

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Cathy Thacker called the meeting to order at 9:54a.m. and welcomed the members. She then introduced Mary Marshall Dekkers & Kimber Kwiatkowski who played a duet arrangement of Camille Saint-Saëns' "Danse Macabre."

Cathy reminded the members about the GMTA State Conference at Kennesaw State University, on November 3-5. She told the members to use only her csbt88@gmail.com email address, not the old bellsouth address. She also warned them to be aware of scammers using GMTA/GCMTA leadership titles to request people to buy gift cards or send money. Always check the email address of the sender, and don't click on any links in suspicious emails.

President-Elect – Gloria Park

Next month's meeting is earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving. It will be held the 3rd week on November 16th. Dr. Robert Henry of Kennesaw State will be presenting "The Well-Tempered Clavier: an approach to learning, teaching, and performing Bach's Prelude in C.

Secretary—Debbie Murphy

The Minutes for the September meeting are posted on the website. There were no corrections. They stand as posted.

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

Robin was notified that one of our members, Amaris David, became nationally certified.

Robin also mentioned that an email was sent to state members to see if anyone would like a certification pin.

Robin presented a certification pin to Mr. Francis Leach, who has been certified since 1994.

Digital Resources – Kathy Dawal

No report

Directory/Internet – Open

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper

No report

North – Beth Ann Wise

The date is March 11, 2023

West – Becky Bonam

Cathy mentioned the date is February 25, 2023.

Central – Kathy Dawal

March 4, 2023 is the date of the event.

GMTA Auditions – Jiyeon Kwak

Jiyeon mentioned that nothing has changed in the information for Auditions. She is still going through the judges list and will advise when she has received commitment from the prospective judges.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi

Theory @ MUSIC DAY

(1) ONLY 13 students registered for the theory exam at Music Day in this year.

(2) Sample exams are available at [Theory - Georgia Music Teachers Association \(georgiamta.org\)](http://Theory - Georgia Music Teachers Association (georgiamta.org)).

(3) Rie needs help for pencils/eraser and CD players with headphones. Please let me know if you have one I will be able to borrow. I probably need four CD players.

GATE @ Local Auditions

(1) Application Deadline is January 15, 2023

(2) Online registration only at [Georgia Music Teachers Association \(georgiamta.org\)](http://Georgia Music Teachers Association (georgiamta.org)).

(3) Date is February 18, 2023, at PianoWorks, Duluth

Hospitality – Tina Darden

A Hospitality Sign-up sheet is going around during today's meeting. Please consider bringing refreshments to one of our monthly meetings. Thanks!

Junior/Senior Scholarship Audition – Yumi Patterson

No report

MED/PED Scholarship – Gloria Park
All the information is on the GCMTA website.

Member-at-large – Susan Andrews
No report

Membership – Deb Hughes

Deb introduced Lisa Ogg who teaches piano. Kathy Dawal invited her so Deb gave Kathy a goodie bag to say “thank you.”

Deb introduced Jose Garcia, who teaches piano, and is the accompanist at Jones Creek Christian Church and the accompanist for the Gwinnett Symphony Chorus.

RESOURCES is a big perk of membership, especially if you can't attend our meetings. Check out the website: MTNA.org:

1. You can access WEBINARS from the past 7 years at any time for free on many subjects. There are Teaching Tips, Wellness/Studio information and many other useful resources. Go to the tab labeled “**LEARN**” and find a treasure trove of options!

2. There are also “**PARENT and STUDENT RESOURCES**” with websites for games, theory, history, listening, performing, etc. I recommend them all to you! I put together a twenty+ page booklet for each of my summer camp students using downloadable worksheets and each one was free.

MENTORS: We still need mentors for some of our new members. Any volunteers? Please contact Deb Hughes at bndhughes@comcast.net

INFO CHANGES: If you need to make a change to your personal member information you can contact MTNA at 888-512-5278.

Remember that YOU are an **APPOINTED AMBASSADOR of GCMTA**. Please be ready with an invitation to our meetings with our brochures or calling cards. If there is anything more that we can do to help you in your potential outreach for new members, let us know.

Deb ended her report with a game:

How many members are in MTNA? Robin Engleman guessed the closet - 23,000 (number is actually 22,000)

What percentage of those members are independent teachers? Jiyeon guessed 75% which is correct

How many of those members teach keyboard? Yanni guessed 70 % (actually 75%)

Music Day – Cathy Thacker/Kimber Kwaitkowski

Cathy reminded everyone of the upcoming Music Day event on Saturday, November 12, at First Baptist Duluth. Student and teacher work schedules have been emailed to everyone; if there are

conflicts, please try to work them out first before asking for any changes. Students need to bring their original music with measures numbered along with their rating sheet, and they should arrive 10-15 minutes ahead of their assigned playing time. Teachers should write their teacher number, not their name, on the back of each student's rating sheet. Masks are optional, but are encouraged. Results will be available at the end of Saturday; teachers should pick up their folders then or arrange for another teacher to pick them up.

Cathy mentioned that she, Kathy Dawal, and Kimber Kwaitkowski, want to maintain a positive, calm environment for the students, who are nervous. Please put on your happiest, calmest demeanor to help achieve this. We want everyone participating to have the best experience possible.

Music Link – Nora Martin
No report

MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards – Mary Ann McTier
Thank you to those who contributed items for the GMTA conference gift basket. Monies collected for the raffle tickets at the state conference go to fund student scholarships and another raffle offers a hydraulic piano bench as the prize. Go to the GMTA website to read more about each of the award funds.

Newsletter – Diana Cleland
No report.
Cathy Thacker mentioned Nov. 1st is the deadline for next newsletter.

Performance Day – Lois Simon
No report

Publicity/Social Media – (Open)

Teacher of the Year – Pam Asberry
No report
Cathy Thacker encouraged members to nominate someone.

Unfinished Business -
NONE

New Business –
NONE

Good of Order –
Deb Hughes invited other teachers to join her when her students play holiday music at the Chick-Fil-A in Stone Mountain on Saturday, December 3rd.

Cathy congratulated Yulia Soboleva who has a student playing at the state conference.

Cathy Thacker mentioned two flyers she has for members to see. One is for the Perimeter PianoFest on November 13-19. The second is the GMG (Georgia Musical Group) brochure.

Motion to Adjourn – Cathy Thacker adjourned the meeting @ 10:30a.m.

Attendees:

Ngan Nei (Yanni) Chan
Tina Darden
Kathy Dawal
Mary Marshall Dekkers
Robin Engleman
Jose Garcia
Deb Hughes
Jiyeon Kwak
Kimber Kwiatkowski
Jung Lee
Mary Ann McTier
Nancy Morris
Debbie Murphy
Lisa Ogg
Gloria Park
Yulia Soboleva
Mallory Stibel
Cathy Thacker
Beth Ann Wise

All actions for this Business Meeting were taken in accordance with the stated purpose of the organization and in accordance with the Bylaws.