

MINUTES

GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Lawrenceville First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, GA.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Cathy Thacker called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. and introduced Yumi Patterson, who played a beautiful arrangement of the Ukrainian National Anthem.

Cathy talked about attending the MTNA Leadership Summit in Cincinnati on September 9-11, 2022, and some of the things she learned there, such as membership trends and how MTNA decides where to hold their conferences. She shared that Atlanta will be the site of the 2024 MTNA conference! She reminded members about the GMTA State Conference at Kennesaw State University on November 3-5, 2022 and encouraged them to attend. Registration is already open and is online at the GMTA website.

President-Elect – Gloria Park

At next month's meeting on October 26th Deb Hughes will be presenting a program on parent/teacher/student connection.

Secretary—Debbie Murphy

The Minutes for the August Executive Board Meeting are posted on the website. There were no corrections; they stand as posted.

Treasurer – Robin Engleman

The Treasurer's Report was sent to the membership on September 13, 2022 and is the same today as it was then. The amount in our Truist account is \$23,448.31. There was no additional discussion regarding the report.

Robin reminded chairs who will be requesting checks this year to submit them using the Funds Request Form on the GCMTA website. The form can be found by either clicking on "Treasury" or "Forms."

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory – Pam Asberry

No report

Anti-Trust – Mary Ann McTier

No report

Certification – Robin Engleman

Any interested certified teacher may send Robin a check for \$8.00, or pay via Venmo or Zelle, before October 1, 2022.

Robin will be ordering certification pins for any NCTMs who would like one. So far, she has received a check from one GCMTA NCTM for \$16.00. (The teacher ordered one for herself and one to be presented to a newly certified teacher).

Robin is asking certified teachers to consider mentoring anyone who may be working toward certification, particularly those independent teachers who will be doing the five teacher profile projects.

Digital Resources – Kathy Dawal

No report

Directory/Internet – Open

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper

The JR Dues deadline is October 15, 2022. The GFMC website has improved in accessing the form required to register your students. Click on “Membership” and “JR Club Registration Form”. There also is now a form to add students to your roster after the deadline without paying the minimum fee again.

North – Beth Ann Wise

The event date is March 11, 2023, and the deadline for JR dues registration is 10/1/22 firm.

West – Becky Bonam

No report

Cathy Thacker mentioned the date is set for February 25, 2023.

Central – Kathy Dawal

The event date is March 4, 2023.

GMTA Auditions – Jiyeon Kwak

Jiyeon is in the process of securing judges for this event.

Date: February 18, 2023

Location: Piano Works

Online Registration opens January 1, 2023 and the deadline is January 15, 2023.

The registration fee is \$25.

In order to ensure that all **Grade 12** students are able to take GATE with their local association, the deadline for State Auditions will be the same deadline as the local audition’s deadline.

For further information regarding the Auditions, contact:

Jiyeon Kwak at 661-305-9980 or jiyeonkwak@icloud.com

Also, you can go to gcmta.org and click Auditions under student Activities or georgiamta.org and click on Auditions registration under Login.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi

GMTA test:

Deadline is October 1, 2022

Test date is November 12, 2022

GATE:

Deadline is January 15, 2023

Test date is February 18, 2023

Fee is \$10

Hospitality – Tina Darden

A special "thank you" to Gloria Park and Cathy Thacker for covering hospitality today.

Music and Arts is unable to provide refreshments as they have in the past, so we will be asking for volunteers within our group to bring refreshments to the monthly meetings. If you can bring something for the October meeting, please contact Tina Darden.

Junior/Senior Scholarship Audition – Yumi Patterson

GCMTA Jr. Sr. Scholarship is scheduled for April 22, 2023, at PianoWorks.

The registration deadline is March 17, 2023.

Information on the GCMTA website is up to date.

MED/PED Scholarship – Gloria Park

Gloria gave a brief overview of the scholarship. If you have a student who is a high school senior this year, please apply. Information is on the GCMTA website.

Member-at-large – Susan Andrews

No report

Membership – Deb Hughes

Deb introduced Christina Walldren, who lives in Sugar Hill and teaches piano. Christina has been a member for a couple of years, but this is the first meeting she has been able to attend.

Deb also mentioned the following new members who joined GCMTA in August and September heartily welcomed them into our group! Those new members in attendance briefly shared about their background.

August: Emily Grosch of Lilburn, Pamela Harris of Norcross, Claire Kuk and Chi Sung of Suwanee.

September: James Dillard of Suwanee, Alycia Willis of Buford, Mallory Stieble of Lawrenceville, and Hyunjung Kim who is from New Jersey and moving to Duluth.

Special thanks to Kimber Kwiakowski & Deb Hughes for mentoring new members. We would like to have more veteran members volunteer to mentor any incoming new members so please let Deb Hughes know if you are willing. Thank you.

We still have our calling card invitations available for all current members to use in reaching out to potential new teachers to join GCMTA. I have placed them at Music and Arts and other music stores - Loganville, Lilburn, and Stone Mountain - because they are close to me. Are there others who are willing to place some in other parts of our county? If so, I have brief letters of introduction and information attached so that stores/schools might understand what the card is for.

Remember that we encourage each current member to invite potential new members to attend our meetings. Attendance is a very good way to show them firsthand what membership in GMCTA can afford them. Did anyone bring a potential new member today? If so, I have a swag bag of useful music teaching things for you!

Music Day – Cathy Thacker/Kimber Kwaitkowski

Music Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2022 at First Baptist Church of Duluth. Registration is open online at the GCMTA website, and the firm deadline to register is midnight on October 1st. The fees are the same as before: \$22 per student for 1st event, \$10 per event thereafter. In-person and virtual performances are both available. Complete information is in the September newsletter and on the website. Checks payable to GCMTA will be mailed for all fees to Kathy Dawal. Please double check the rules before entering your students. The schedule will be available by mid-October. After the schedule is released, you cannot request schedule changes.

Remember that students have to bring original music with measures numbered along with their rating sheet. Teachers, please make sure that your students have these things! We should not have to complete rating sheets for students the day of the event.

Kathy Dawal mentioned...If you want lunch, there is a form on the website to place an order.

Music Link – Nora Martin

Nora explained what Music Link is about. The Southeast is very busy right now. An online harp teacher is needed.

MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards – Mary Ann McTier

Mary Ann explained the particulars about the GMTA Awards and the MTNA Foundation. The GMTA website has more information.

Newsletter – Diana Cleland

Cathy Thacker reminded everyone about the October 1st deadline for the October newsletter.

Performance Day – Lois Simon

No report

Publicity/Social Media – (Open)

Teacher of the Year – Pam Asberry

December 31st is the deadline to make your nomination for GCMTA's 2022 Teacher of the Year! Nominees will be considered upon receipt of the nomination form (available on the website) supported by letters of recommendation from colleagues and/or former students. The winner will be recognized at the annual May luncheon. Nomination forms, along with the appropriate documentation, should be sent to committee chair Pam Asberry (pam.asberry@gmail.com)

Unfinished Business –

NONE

New Business –

Cathy Thacker mentioned there is a new fee structure for non-member participation in Gwinnett County MTA events, which was approved by the Executive Board on 9/20/22 and added to Appendix A of the Procedural Manual.

Appointment of the Nominating Committee. Gloria Park is chair, and the other members are Susan Andrews & Mary Ann McTier.

Deb Hughes is hosting a Performance Day event at Chick-Fil-A on Hwy. 78 on December 3rd. It's free. Let Deb know if you are interested in participating.

Robin Engleman mentioned that North Fulton has their Celebrate with Music event first weekend in December at North Point Mall. You can check with the North Fulton association if you want to participate.

Good of Order –

Mary Ann McTier has free music available if anyone wants to look through it after the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn – Cathy Thacker adjourned the business meeting @ 10:42a.m.

Attendees:

Susan Andrews
Ngan Nei (Yanni) Chan
Kathy Dawal
Mary Marshall Dekkers
Robin Engleman
Lisa Gaal
Rei Hosoi
Deb Hughes
Min Jung Jin
Jiyeon Kwak
Kimber Kwiatkowski
Hyunjung Kim
Nora Martin
Mary Ann McTier
Debbie Murphy
Gloria Park
Yumi Patterson
Jungwon Shin
Yulia Soboleva
Nannette Stariha
Mallory Stiebel
Cathy Thacker
Christina Walldren
Alycia Willis
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.