

MINUTES

GWINNETT COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

January 25, 2023

1123 Dogwood Rd, Snellville, GA

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President – Cathy Thacker

President Cathy Thacker called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. and welcomed the members and thanked them for coming. She shared that the campaign to fund Joy Poole as an MTNA Foundation Fellow was successful, and that Joy will be recognized at the MTNA Conference Gala. The upcoming MTNA Conference is going to be held in Reno, NV, on March 25-29. The 2024 Conference will be held in Atlanta, and she hopes that many GCMTA members will attend.

Cathy shared some of what was covered at the UGA Piano Pedagogy Symposium and encouraged members to take advantage of these opportunities. The annual UGA Symposium is free of charge and features wonderful programs.

She then read an excerpt from the *Letters of Note: Music* book that she received as a Christmas gift.

President-Elect – Gloria Park

Our next meeting will be back at Lawrenceville First Baptist Church on Wednesday, February 22. Jeri-Mae Astolfi will be giving a presentation on "The Brain on Piano".

Secretary—Debbie Murphy

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

Treasurer – Robin Engleman

The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory – Pam Asberry

No report

Anti-Trust – Mary Ann McTier

No report

Certification – Robin Engleman

No report

Digital Resources – Kathy Dawal

No report

Directory/Internet – Open

Federated Festivals – Judy Harper

No report

North – Beth Ann Wise

Firm Deadline: January 28, 2023 (postmarked February 4, 2023)

Student Fees: \$28 1st event + \$15 each additional event

1. Registration will be done through the NFMC website “Vivace”.
2. No printed applications will be accepted.
3. Mail or hand deliver to the GCMTA Treasurer, Robin Engleman 5518 Chimney Hollow Rd.
4. Norcross, GA. 30093, your entrance fee of \$28.00 per student, \$15.00 each additional event, payable in a **SINGLE CHECK** to **GCMTA**. No late registrations accepted. **Checks should be postmarked by February 4.** Cash or individual checks will not be accepted.
5. Notify your chairman of any transfer students.

West – Becky Bonam- Teachers have been reminded often about the deadline . We should have around 200 in our festival. Judges have been acquired for a while now. Susan Andrews has been such a help and encouragement during this whole process.

Central – Kathy Dawal

No report

GMTA Auditions – Jiyeon Kwak

We have 81 students and 22 teachers participating this year.

\$1965.84 was received through PayPal. Our treasurer should have the check by now.

All the schedules have been sent out via email. PianoWorks is pushing for 10:00 AM starting time but they were told that will push back our schedule, so it is tentatively set for 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Due to the high volume of participating students, the performance time had to be cut to 4th and 5th graders having 6 minutes total, 6th and 7th graders with 8 minutes, and 8th through 11th graders having 10 minutes total performance time.

Since we have 22 teachers total, teachers with only 1 student will not be working. The teachers’ work schedule will be sent out soon and will explain further. Also, it would really help if more teachers can bring refreshments. Trish at the Award shop will be contacted to get the best rate for trophies and teachers will be notified how much we’ll need to collect at the end of the Auditions.

GMTA/GATE Theory – Rie Hosoi

GATE will be on February 18, 2023. The same day as the Local Auditions.

Test A - 36 students

Test B - 26 students

Test C - 19 students

Total 81 students for this year.

Please let Rie know if you have any questions.

Hospitality – Tina Darden

No report

Junior/Senior Scholarship Audition – Yumi Patterson

Junior Senior Scholarship is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at PianoWorks. The application deadline is March 17, 2023. No late entry is accepted.

To compete for scholarships, a student must participate in at least one event sponsored by GCMTA. (Music Day, Theory test, Federated Festival, GCMTA Local auditions, and GMTA State auditions) during the 2022-2023 school year before April 22.

MED/PED Scholarship – Gloria Park

Deadline May 1. Everything is on the website. If you have a senior planning to study music education or pedagogy, check into applying.

Member-at-large – Susan Andrews

No report

Membership – Deb Hughes

GCMTA had two rejoining members this past month so our association now has 97 members total. Members can invite a potential new teacher to join us any regular meeting. New members that desire to join now can take advantage of a National dues discount of 50% up till June.

NOTE: MTNA offers an active Senior Membership discount for individuals over the age 70. You can enjoy all the benefits of membership and are entitled to participate in all MTNA activities, vote and hold office.

Music Day – Cathy Thacker/Kimber Kwaitkowski

No report

Music Link – Nora Martin

No report

MTNA Foundation/GMTA Awards – Mary Ann McTier

We donated two beautiful, spa themed baskets for the GMTA conference. Many teachers at the convention won prizes. Piano Works donated, as usual, a hydraulic bench which was won this year by one of our collegiate students from Young Harris College.

Newsletter – Diana Cleland

No report

Performance Day – Lois Simon

No report

Publicity/Social Media – (Open)

Teacher of the Year – Pam Asberry

The nominations are now closed, and the votes have been counted! Be sure to attend the May luncheon for the big reveal!

Unfinished Business -

None

New Business –

Assuming the 1123 House is available, our May luncheon will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th (2nd week rather than 3rd) so that Cathy will be in town.

Good of Order –

Deb Hughes mentioned applying for the Atlanta Music Club student scholarship audition.

Motion to Adjourn – Cathy Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10:45a.m. at which time we prayed and proceeded to enjoy the great foods members brought for our brunch.

Attendees:

Susan Andrews

Tina Darden

Mary Marshall Dekkers

Deb Hughes

Jiyeon Kwak

Kimber Kwiatkowski

Nora Martin

Mary Ann McTier

Gloria Park

Yumi Patterson

Cathy Thacker

Shawn Wong

Mallory Stiebel

Kook Hee Lee

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