

## **GCMA General Meeting – Friday, September 18, 2015**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015/2016 season meeting of the Gulf Coast Music Association at University Baptist church was called to order by President, Sharon Stewart at 10:34 on Sept. 18, 2015. She reminded those that do not already have a current yearbook to pick up one before they leave today.

Tickets for the Autumn Artist's Concert were distributed to the members with the request that they either sell them or buy them. It was announced that the discount package price for all 3 events (Workshop, Nov. 4, Concert Nov. 6, and Master Class Nov. 7) is \$50.00.

Thomas Wells announced collaboration between San Jacinto College and BAMTA of "2016 Young Artist Competition". Flyer is in the secretary folder.

Sharon Stewart greeted all members into the new meeting space and made the observation that we all liked having the tables on which to lay our books etc.

Beatrice Stanley, secretary, read the previous meeting's minutes. They were approved as read.

An announcement was made regarding Forshey: they are moving - not going out of business. Mariam McFalls, past president and current member of GCMA, lives out of town and was participating in the meeting via SKYPE.

Jennifer Key, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. It is in Secretary Binder.

Cindy Kuenneke reminded members of the Jazz Pop festival on Nov. 14 at Heritage Park Baptist Church in Webster. The deadline for registration is Oct. 29, 2015 (mail) and hand deliver Nov. 4, 2015.

Sharon Stewart announced the Autumn Artist Festival with 3 events in that Festival: Workshop: "Beginning Piano", Recital and Master Class. Roger Wright will also be giving private lessons. Apply for the private lessons by emailing Ying or Carole Barwick. Because no member volunteered to be in charge of the punch at the Recital Sharon Stewart will be calling members to step up.

Lara Fulcher, 1<sup>st</sup> VP in charge of programs, announced a workshop immediately following GCMA's Jan. 15 meeting titled "Art of Practicing". Michael Schneider presented this subject at the 2014 convention.

Susan Hanks announced that Piano Gold Cup will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March and the violin and make-up will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in March at San Jac.

Mariam McFalls requested members to go to the [Gulfcoastmusicteachers.org](http://Gulfcoastmusicteachers.org) website and communicate "What's in it for me". GCMA members may email her with "Reasons why teachers join"

Mariam McFalls is in charge of the Sonatina Festival April 9.

Joy Timmons, membership chairman, announced that Buddy Brents and Chelsea LeBlanc have joined GCMA. She also announced that Carla Seibert is visiting GCMA and will be joining today.

Sharon Stewart announced that she will be emailing all members changes of the 2015-2016 roster.

Kay Belk announced that Catherine Bobbs will have surgery on Sept. 24

Beatrice Stanley will take GCMA yearbook to Catherine Bobbs' daughter to deliver to Catherine.

Norene Emerson announced that Ray Emerson is sick.

Sharon Stewart will contact Jerene Murray to check on her condition.

Mariam McFalls suggested that Gulf Coast Music Association yearbooks can be downloaded off the [gulfcoastmusicteachers.org](http://gulfcoastmusicteachers.org) website.

Buddy Brents asked members what to do about liability insurance. A suggestion was made to go to the MTNA website for information.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13.

Respectfully submitted Beatrice Stanley, Recording Secretary