

GCMA KICK-OFF MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Gulf Coast Music Association was called to order by President, Sharon Stewart at 10:15 at the home of Susan Hanks 11922 Kirkway Dr. Houston, TX 77089 on Sept. 2, 2015

President, Sharon Stewart passed around the new year books for fiscal 2015-2016. She passed around the roster for each person to verify their contact information and to confirm that they received a year book.

Beatrice read the minutes of the May 5 meeting. They were approved as read.

President, Sharon Stewart, recommended of all new people in GCMA to get the Gold Cup Bulletin today to get started on understanding the guidelines for participation.

Jennifer Key, treasurer, passed around the annual treasurer's report. (Sec. did not put it in binder)

Jennifer Key announced that she will be contacting the members of GCMA for log in training of the new National data base. She will put 3 or 4 together for that training. GCMA is being used as a model for other groups. J.K. will email everyone with data base information for changes.

Sharon Stewart, President, requested all the board members to meet after Sept. 18 meeting to put together a budget for the year.

Membership chairman, Joy Timmons announced that there are currently 33 members in GCMA
Membership chairman, Joy Timmons, introduced potential new members as follows:

Buddy Brents from the SugarLand area (voice and piano)

Chelsea LeBlanc (piano)

Jaime Rocha (piano)

Sharon Stewart announced that Forshey Piano Co is going out of business. As a result GCMA's official meeting center will be in the chapel at University Baptist Church. They will give us the meeting place for no charge!

Chairmen of committees in GCMA gave a brief synopsis of the activity: dates, places, application forms in Yearbook

Jennifer Key: information about Gold Cup

Cindy Kuenneke: information about Jazz/Pop Festival

Sharon Stewart: information about Autumn Artist Festival – encouraged GCMA to spread the word about this festival early because of the very busy time of year. We want all to put it on their calendars now.

Lara Fulcher: Jan 15 GCMA meeting will be a work-shop about practicing presented by Michael Schneider

Sonatina Festival: April 9

Madge Hunt passed around get-well cards for Catherine Bobbs and Jerene Murray. She requested that all the members of GCMA sign the cards.

Sharon Stewart announced that the April workshop will be presented by the teachers.

Sharon Stewart requested help with the refreshments at Autumn Artist

Linda Coney announced that the schools are needing accompanists for Solo and Ensemble. Please contact her.

Sharon Stewart requested that board members acknowledge as she announced their names:

President: Sharon Stewart

1st Vice President (Programs): Lara Fulcher

2nd Vice President (Membership): Joy Timmons

3rd Vice Presidents (Gold cup): Susan Hanks and Jerri Pipert

Recording Secretary : Beatrice Stanley

Treasurer: Jennifer Key

Parliamentarian: Kay Belk

Immediate Past President: Mariam T. McFalls

Mariam T. McFalls has agreed to continue with maintaining the GCMA website

Cindy Kuenneke announced the Symphony League meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The 1st program for the Bay Area Symphony League will include her former student (Cody Garrett, piano) and a singer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 after which the membership enjoyed some delicious snacks and conversation.

Respectfully submitted

Beatrice Stanley - recording secretary