



LOS ANGELES SECONDARY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (LASMTA)
P.O. BOX 34666 Los Angeles, CA 90034-9998

LASMTA MEETING

Date: October 6th, 2009

Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Central High School #9

I. New Teacher's Meeting 5:30pm

A. Introduction of new teachers

B. Mark Johnson explains the origin and vision of LASMTA: The big idea is to support Music Educators through a formalized association

1. What can this association do for you? How do we grow? Mark opens it up for questions about LASMTA and also any general questions about being a new teacher in LAUSD.

II. Call to Order by Mark Johnson at 6:04 pm

III. Attendance: Desiree Fowler, Mark Johnson, Julie West, Jeff Brown, Jennifer Elliott, Suzanne Jones, Connie Covert, Katherine Shaw, Dan Taguchi, Jeremy Zwang-Weissman, Laura Lee Custodio, Jose Medina, Brian Blanchard, Julie Corallo, Jonathan Kenion, Margaret Asato, Mark Wamhoff, Dave Yaberson, David R. Sears, Stewart Rupp, Micheal Tramm, Robert Eisenhart, Yolanda Gardea, & Christopher Rodriguez.

IV. Campus Tour led by Yolanda Gardea

A. Mark Johnson led Introductions

B. Robin Lithgow from the Art's Branch introduced as Special Guest

V. Minutes: The Minutes of June 2009 were read. Motion to approve minutes made by Meg Asato seconded by David Sears. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Secretary

1. New Brochure was created and provided at tonight's meeting and were also sent out via school mail.
2. Motion to approve minutes made by Meg Asato seconded by David Sears. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. Michael Tramm reported that the accounts were changed to his name, which incurred a \$5 charge from petty cash leaving a balance of \$2,577. The Opening Balance as of August 31st, 2009 is \$9,090.45.
2. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Jeremy Zwang-Weissman, seconded by Mark Wamhoff. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Vice President's Report

1. Julie West explains the process of behind the Mentor/ Mentee service organized by LASMTA and hands out forms.
2. LATSMA Membership fees and dates are explained and Julie West reports that about 12 people have become members so far.
3. Mark Johnson reviews the requirements/privileges involved in becoming a member.
4. Motion to accept Vice President's report made by Margaret Asato Seconded by Christopher Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

D. President's report



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1. Mark Johnson explains the purpose for tonight's meeting.
2. Survey: Goal is to gather input for the future of LASMTA's and how to best meet member's needs and interests. LASMTA wants to hear what the members want in the meeting's content.
3. Mark Johnson explains how Greg Robinson is still fully present and will ensure support and vision throughout the year.
4. Motion to approve the President's Report made by David Sears, seconded by Jeremy Zwang-Weissman. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. New Business:

- A. Surveys are passed out
- B. Brainstorming of Idea's from Meeting attendees:
 - Guest Artists
 - Fundraising & Philanthropies
 - Combined Massed Performances
 - Repertoire- Combining Choral with Instrumental
 - Advocacy- Internal & External
 - Political Advocacy & Liaison
 - Repertoire Library sharing of titles and scores
 - Reading Sessions
 - Exchanging of Bios: "Exploiting" each others' talents
 - Master Classes for Students
 - Classroom visits
 - Bump a Teacher for a day
 - Members Recruit personal phone call
 - Virtual Local Meetings
 - Master Schedule
 - Opportunities for Salary points
- C. Choral Audiation Tip presented by Desiree Fowler
- D. String Ensemble Tips presented by Julie West with a Handout ☺
- E. Margaret Asato will present Band/Wind Tip(s) for next meeting
- F. LASMTA Event Calendar dates: (2010)
 1. March 6th Piano & Guitar Festival at Hamilton HS
 2. April 10th Solo /Ensemble Festival at Hamilton HS
 3. May 8th Scholarship Auditions at Central HS
- G. Julie Corallo, K-12 Music Content Advisor
 1. Music educators website: www.lausd.net/music
 - a. Policies
 - b. Professional Organizations
 - c. Curriculum
 - d. Awards/ Grants
 2. Professional Development dates from the Arts Branch K-12 Music Teachers.
 - a. Nov 17th Grammy Museum (2:30-4pm) \$5 discounted parking and 30% discounts to restaurants. Content to come.
 - b. January 26th
 - c. April 27th Articulation oriented
 3. First Sunday in May: Nokia Theater For the Middle School Honor's Festival
- H. New teacher at Virgil requests help in obtaining instruments for Drum line

VIII. Adjournment Meeting Ajourned at 8:06pm Motion made by Julie West and Seconded by Dave Yaberson. Motion carried unanimously.



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