



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm**

Revere Middle School

- I. Call to Order** by Julie West at 6:09 pm
- II. Attendance:** Desiree Fowler, Julie West, Michael Tramm, Greg Robinson, Jennifer Elliott, Suzanne Jones, Vanessa Dokko, Yosuke Miyoshi, Stewart Rupp, Catherine Shaw, Brian Blanchard, Jose Medina, Julie Corallo, Lea Oliver, and Fran Anderson.
- III. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes
    1. Motion to accept January's minutes from Fran Anderson, seconded by Michael Tramm. Motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Secretary's Report
    1. New Website is up with with Repertoire lists, festival information, voting, and more.
    2. Motion to accept Secretary's report made by Michael Tramm, Seconded by Vanessa Dokko. Motion carried unanimously.
  - C. Treasurer's Report
    1. Michael Tramm reports the expenses/changes to our account.
    2. Closing balance as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 is now \$10,624.68
    3. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Desiree Fowler, seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
  - D. Vice President's Report
    1. Julie West reports that we currently have 42 members.
    2. Encouraged to lead a Best Practice & to contribute to the Repertoire list with titles that you adore.
    3. Motion to accept Vice President's report made by Greg Robinson, Seconded by Suzanne Jones. Motion carried unanimously.
  - E. Past-President's Report
    1. Greg Robinson reports things are still a go for our upcoming non-profit tax status.
    2. Motion to approve the Past-President's Report made by Fran Anderson seconded by Jose Medina. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Best Practices:**
  - A. Best Practice led by Yosuke Miyoshi on the Trombone with power point! Handouts too!
  - B. George Carganilla provided a Mozart Table Music duet.
- V. Old Business:**
  - A. Piano/Guitar Festival March 6<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton HS
    1. Greg Robinson asks for assistance in finding adjudicators and in attendance of the Festivals. A Sign-up sheet was passed around.
    2. Fran Anderson will take care of the certificates. Mark is going to look into providing the students with Stickers. Food will be provided as a fundraiser at both of the Hamilton Festivals.
    3. Applications are due February 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. LASMTA Event Calendar dates: (2010)
    1. April 10<sup>th</sup> Solo /Ensemble Festival at Hamilton HS



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- a. We need adjudicators still for several areas. Please contact Greg if you know any one that would make a good instrumental/vocal adjudicator.
  - b. Application Deadline for Solo & Ensemble will be March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010
2. May 8<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Auditions at Central HS
- a. Please suggest panel members for this event.
- C. Arts Teacher position cuts
1. Due to credentialing complexities, Secondary Arts teachers will not be bumped in the case of the 50% Elementary Arts cut.
  2. As of now there are 68 Elementary Music teachers are at risk of being cut next year. LAUSD has 58 permanent Elementary Music teachers and some of them have multiple subject credentials.
  3. If you know of anyone that could provide any information to help make the cuts more strategic & as least damaging as possible. (Ex. If there is a teacher interested in early retirement.) Please contact Julie Corallo.
  4. Continue to encourage Parents to fill out a pre-formatted letter that is emailed straight to their local District official by going to [www.artsforla.org/groups/lausd](http://www.artsforla.org/groups/lausd) "Send a Letter"
- D. Marching Band PE credit update
1. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders need to take PE from a credentialed teacher. Therefore, Marching Band teachers need to obtain a second credential or team-teach with a credentialed PE teacher.
- VI. New Business**
- A. By-laws
1. Proposed Amendments:
    - a. Suspend the President Elect Position, and voting via written ballot.
  2. We will write out a motion for next meeting- Tabled for now.
  3. Meeting attendees like the secure on-line voting idea.
- B. High School Honors and Instructional Festivals
1. The High School Honors festival has been canceled due to a lack of time for adequate planning, and conflicts such as testing and Holiday weekends.
  2. LASMTA will write a letter to Cortinez to thank him for the funding proposition with the High School Festival.
  3. Julie Corallo is waiting for host teachers to come back with their Festival Date to send out paperwork for Instructional Festivals. There is again a \$130 entry fee per ensemble.
- C. Future Meeting Dates and Hosts
1. Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>: Michael Tramm @ Santee Education Complex
  2. Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup>: Greg Robinson @ Hamilton HS
  3. Next Month's Best Practices: TBD
- VII. Adjournment** Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 pm Motion made by Yosuke Miyoshi and Seconded by Michael Tramm. Motion carried unanimously.