

LASMTA MEETING

Date: March 11th, 2010

Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Santee Education Complex

- I. Call to Order by Julie West at 6:12 pm
- II. Attendance: Desiree Fowler, Julie West, Michael Tramm, Greg Robinson, Jennifer Elliott, Mark Johnsen, Jim Radon, Margaret Asato, Jose Medina, Robyn Anders, and Fran Anderson.
- III. Reports
 - A. Approval of the Minutes
 1. Motion to accept January's minutes from Julie West, seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Secretary's Report
 1. Google docs provide a format to have secure voting on line for future use.
 2. Motion to accept Secretary's report made by Michael Tramm, Seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 1. Michael Tramm reports the expenses/changes to our account. Closing balance as of February 28th, 2010 is now \$10,773.38.
 2. The CD account matures March 28th, 2010.
 3. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Julie West, seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - D. Vice President's Report
 1. Julie West reports that we currently have 45 members.
 2. Encouraged to lead a Best Practice & to contribute to the Repertoire list with titles that you adore. Fran will ask Stew & George to perhaps present next month on "Life After Teaching"
 3. Solo Ensemble Applications are available online and are due by March 19th.
 4. MS Honors Ensemble rehearsals are on their way.
 5. Motion to accept Vice President's report made by Desiree Fowler, Seconded by Robyn Anders. Motion carried unanimously.
 - E. President's Report
 1. All areas that the President has to discuss are under old and new business.
 2. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Desiree Fowler, seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - F. Past-President's Report
 1. Greg Robinson reports things have not changed with our Federal Tax status.
 2. This month there were some filings from the state claiming that we owed \$6000 of taxes since 2003 and Greg went to the attorney handling our Federal and applied for and extension and reduction. The threat of suspension in our non-profit proposal and the fines charged to us were all taken care of and now LASMTA appears to only owe around \$200.
 3. Meg Asato moves to keep \$1300 in our budget to help pay the State and the attorney, seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Motion to approve the Past-President's Report made by Desiree Fowler seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Best Practices:
 - A. Best Practice led by Michael Tramm on the Breath support! The Breathing Gym! Many tips and exercises for all music students were learned.
 - B. Mark Johnsen discussed Band intonation and a method to teach students where the intonation issues are on their various instruments and how attend to them. There were oh so many handouts! ☺
- V. Old Business:
 - A. Piano/Guitar Festival March 6th at Hamilton HS

1. Festival went very well, certificates were given, and we are looking into buying stickers in bulk if we develop a LASMTA logo. Robyn will be looking into the graphic designing of a logo.
 2. Fiscally we ended up making \$310 however there are still expenses that will need to be made such as paying for the festival's Custodial services.
- B. Solo & Ensemble Festival April 10th at Hamilton HS
1. We need a vocal judge. Desiree will look into finding one.
 2. Greg thinks that in the future we should always have a back-up host for our festivals.
 3. Discussion on using a University for future festivals, including liability concerns.
 4. Discussion of looking into Tri-M services to aid with the festivals and to help the festivals have University ties.
- C. Scholarship Auditions May 8th at CLAHS
1. Application coming soon. Application Deadline for Scholarship Auditions is scheduled to be April 23rd.
 2. Please suggest panel members for this event.
- D. High School Honors and Instructional Festivals
1. LASMTA has not yet written a letter to Cortinez to thank him for the funding proposition with the High School Festival. Mark will check with Julie Corallo to make sure when and how it is appropriate to do so in regards to the Arts Branch.

VI. New Business

- A. Next year Officers & Online vote to amend By-laws.
1. We will send out a paper ballot that will contain the following items for our members to vote on:
 - a. Officers for next year
 - b. By-law amendment regarding the President Elect Position
 - c. Whether the members feel that a secure online voting process will in the future replace the current and past paper ballots procedures in voting
- B. Those who would like to be Nominated as an Officer for Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary will need to email Mark Johnsen with their nomination(s). Desiree will send out an email to all members.
- C. Discussion on the possibility of the District making this school year's calendar 1 week shorter and then starting the year on August 16th. How it will affect music teachers in regards to Culmination, AP exams, etc.
- D. CD maturation date of March 28th 2010
1. We will take out \$1000 to safe guard against any future expenses as discussed in the Past President's Report. We will roll over the rest. Motion made by Mark Johnsen, seconded by Meg Asato. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Scholarship Fund
1. Discussion on that this year's scholarship fund is not as well equipped as it has been in the past. Fran will contact past donors.
 2. Mark Johnsen moves to reserve \$1000 out of general funds and to give out \$250 to a minimum of two and a maximum of four students this year. If the our situation changes to accommodate a larger amount of scholarship winners then this can be addressed again at a future meeting. Seconded by Julie West. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Future Meeting Dates and Hosts
1. Wednesday April 14th: Greg Robinson @ Hamilton HS
 2. Next Month's Best Practices: TBD

VII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 pm Motion made by Julie West and Seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.