



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** April 14, 2010

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

**Hamilton High School**

- I. Call to Order** by Mark Johnsen at 6:12 pm
- II. Attendance & Introductions:** Desiree Fowler, Julie West, Michael Tramm, Greg Robinson, Jennifer Elliott, Stewart Rupp, Catherine Shaw, Brian Blanchard, Jose Medina, George Carganilla, Margaret Asato, Lea Oliver, and Fran Anderson.
- III. Reports**
  - A. Treasurer's Report- Michael Tramm
    1. We moved \$1000 of our CD and rolled the remaining balance over. This resulted in a penalty of \$3.44 from our checking account
    2. There is \$1365 currently in the scholarship account with more to come with \$1000 available from our CD account if needed.
    3. Closing balance as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 is now \$11,513.24.
    4. The Solo & Ensemble Festival raised \$1295 with \$960 in expenditures therefore we end up in the positive \$335.
    5. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Desiree Fowler, seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Vice President's Report
    1. Julie West reports that we currently have 49 members.
    2. Scholarship Audition Application was sent out and is also available on the website: [http://lasmta.org/LASMTA\\_Events.html](http://lasmta.org/LASMTA_Events.html) The festival will be held at Central Los Angeles High School #9 on May 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be allowed no more than 5 applicants from each school. The Application is due on Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    3. Motion to accept Vice President's report made by Fran Anderson, Seconded by George Carganilla. Motion carried unanimously.
  - C. Approval of the Minutes
    1. Motion to accept January's minutes from Julie West, seconded by Michael Tramm. Motion carried unanimously.
  - D. Secretary's Report
    1. Ballots went out with an issue left out: Suspend the President Elect position. The due date for the ballots should be the end of April.
    2. Desiree will send out an email asking everyone to add that vote to the current ballot, and to also have the ballots in by the end of April.
    3. The wording will be as follows: "The position of President-Elect to be suspended until a time when a larger membership warrants it."  
 Yes       No
    4. Motion to accept Secretary's report made by Julie West, Seconded by Michael Tramm. Motion carried unanimously.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Our next meeting will be this year's last meeting held at the Grammy Foundation. David Sears will let us know what the date will be hopefully by the end of this week. We have proposed Tues May 25<sup>th</sup> or Wed. May 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting's Agenda will be announcing next year's officers, and the scholarship winners. There will also be a reception that we would love help on.



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2. Motion to accept Secretary's report made by Desiree Fowler, Seconded by Julie West. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Past-President's Report

1. Greg Robinson reports that over 100 students participated from 9 different schools. The festival went from 9am-4pm. Greg thanks Julie, Fran, Michael, and Desiree for hanging out all day and helping out (Thank you Greg). Greg recommends that we should publicize it a bit earlier and more vigorously to encourage more participation for next year.
2. We are up to date with the state taxes that we owe. We are still waiting to hear back about our tax-exempt status. Then we will have to look at the Federal tax for this year and year's prior.
3. Motion to approve the Past-President's Report made by Margaret Asato seconded by Fran Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Best Practices:**

- A. Best Practice led by Fran Anderson & George Carganilla on "Life After Teaching." With Handouts! Included are worksheets and quizzes that guide looking ahead at your financial future and how to be proactive about maximizing your benefits after retirement.
- B. George Carganilla provided a Mozart Table Music duet.

**V. Old Business:**

1. May 8<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Auditions at Central HS
  - a. Please suggest panel members for this event.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Julie Corallo has organized a District Wide Professional Development for Music Teachers on April 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be an email sent out with more details soon. Teachers will be allowed to choose the PD topic(s) and the location site.
- B. For newer teachers there will be the opportunity to attend a full day(s) for Professional Development at a school site that covers multiple topics.
- C. The furlough day vote did nothing to help the Elementary Arts Teacher position cuts that are scheduled Elementary & Middle School honor festivals are funded for next year, however there is only 3 positions have been scheduled for funding for next year in the Arts Branch.
- D. LAMSTA will write a letter to Cortinez to help advocate for the Arts Branch positions that are scheduled to be cut. In the past four years in music we went from 4 Music Content Experts to three the following year, then 2, then 1 and now they are proposing zero. Mark will write a letter and have it circulated through the membership.
- E. Lea Oliver will send Desiree an email to help promote the free Musical performance on May 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Middle Schools are invited.
- F. Lea Oliver offers to fund a piano specific scholarship for next year. There should be a condition for performance at our last meeting, for Scholarship winners.
- G. Only vocalists can be identified as gifted. Instrumental music is not included because it would cost money! Perhaps could in the future advocate to include instrumentalists.

**VII. Adjournment** Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 pm Motion made by Fran Anderson and Seconded by George Carganilla. Motion carried unanimously.



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Minutes respectfully submitted by Desiree Fowler

Dearest members,

Truly sorry for the inconvenience, but I have a favor to ask. We left out an important item on the ballot that you should have received via school mail TODAY.

Could you please ADD the following item to your ballot:

“The position of President-Elect to be suspended until a time when a larger membership warrants it.”  Yes  No

AND!

According to our current By-laws the votes should be all collected by the last day in April... so if you could please try to have it in by Friday April 30th? :)

If you have any questions or concerns, please send them my way. If you already sent in your ballot- no worries and Thanks!

Musically Yours,