



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: January 13th, 2011

Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Walter Reed MS

- I. Pre-meeting discussion on the concerns to starting the school year three weeks earlier.
- II. **Call to Order** by Mark Johnson at 6:19 pm
- III. **Attendance:** Desiree Fowler, Mark Johnsen, Julie West, Michael Tramm, Jeremy Zwang-Weissman, Robyn Anders, Steve McDonell, Jessica Johnson, Mark Wamhoff, Erica Clewitt, Yolanda Gardea, Jennifer Elliott, Steve Burch, Jonathan Kenion, Stewart Rupp, & Cat Gold.
- IV. **Minutes:**
 - A. The Minutes of November were read. Motion to approve minutes made by Jeremy Zwang-Weissman seconded by Robyn Anders. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Reports**
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 1. Michael Tramm reports that the balance is \$11, 295.67
 2. Motion to approve secretary report made by Mark Wamhoff seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Secretary's Report
 1. Minutes were previously approved.
 - C. Vice President's Report
 1. LATSMA Membership fees and dates are explained and Julie West reports that about 39 people have become members so far.
 2. Best Practice Volunteers are encouraged.
 3. Julie West explains the process of behind the Mentor/ Mentee
 4. Motion to accept Vice President's report made by Steve Birch Seconded by Jeremy Zwang-Weissman. Motion carried unanimously.
 - D. President's report
 1. Mark Johnsen provides an overview STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts & Mathematics) and explain the opportunity for the Teacher conference is entitled "Techniques for Leveraging California's Creative Economy. The Conference is free and there are 200 scholarship spots, the Hollywood HS Choir will perform and there are many big business execs that will present. The dates are February 3rd and 4th. Mark is happy to send out links if you are interested. Mjohnsen@lausd.net
 2. Mark Johnsen & other members speak to the process and the advantages of Donor's Choose. It's great! Check out <http://www.donorschoose.org>
 3. Yolanda Gardea informs us that the class "service worker" will be eliminated next year. She recommends that elective teachers
 4. Steve Burch offers to host the April meeting at Panorama High School on Wednesday April 6th at 6pm. At this point we are scheduling this date tentatively at this point.



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5. Question regarding the stance of Marching Band, nothing new has happened in terms of legislature. The recommendation is to double roster with a PE teacher, and some teachers invite students to participate even if they are not able to be on the class roster. The students have to pass the fitness gram. Or if you can obtain a supplemental PE credential.
6. Motion to approve the President's Report made by Julie West, seconded by Jeremy Zwang-Weissman. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Best Practices:

- A. Michael Tramm presents on the breathing gym. Book, video & participatory exercises.
- B. Desiree Fowler leads Choral Breathing techniques and exercises and provides a handout. ☺

VII. New Business:

- A. Julie Corallo and the AEB are providing PDs for music teachers. We encourage you to go to the Music Professional Development they are hosted all over the district. The next one is January 25th, a banked Tuesday.
- B. Bass day moves to March 26th and will be held at Walter Reed MS. (see minutes from November 2010 for tons more information about Bass day)

VIII. Adjournment Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 pm. Motion made by Desiree Fowler and Seconded by Cat Gold. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Desiree Fowler