



**LOS ANGELES SECONDARY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
(LASMTA)**

P.O. BOX 34666 Los Angeles, CA 90034-9998

LASMTA MEETING

Date: February 7th, 2011

Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Hamilton HS

- I. Call to Order** by Mark Johnsen at 6:15 pm
- A. **Attendance:** Desiree Fowler, Mark Johnsen, Julie West, Michael Tramm, Greg Robinson, Jennifer Elliott, Yosuke Miyoshi, Nancy Reeves, David Diaz, Arwen Hernandez, George Carganilla, Suzanne Jones, Chris Clewett, & Laura Lee Custudio.
- II. Reports**
- A. Approval of the Minutes
1. Article V, Section D Number 3, finish statement to include a recommendation to plan to teach an auxiliary, and or plan another class.
 2. Article V Section D, Number 4, change The Tentative date, and firm up the Meeting date of April 6th, but keep the location as Tentatively at Panorama High School.
 3. Motion to accept minutes as amended from Julie West, seconded by Yosuke Miyoshi. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Treasurer's Report
1. Current balance is \$11598.57
 2. Motion to accept minutes by Greg Robinson, seconded by George Carganilla. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Secretary's Report
1. Minutes approved. Motion to accept Secretary's report made by Julie West, Seconded by David Diaz. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Vice President's Report
1. Julie West reports that we currently have 44 members and encourages teachers to encourage other teachers to join.
 2. We are looking for volunteers to present Best Practices/ Tips of the Trade.
 3. Motion to accept Vice President's report made by Yosuke Mioshi, Seconded by David Diaz. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. President's report
1. Mark Johnsen has taken over the responsibilities of the Mentor and Mentee process. He encourages members to volunteer to be one or the other. Mark will be contacting people that have signed up to pair up people. One of the benefits of LASMTA!
 2. Motion to accept Vice President's report made by Desiree Fowler, Seconded by Greg Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Best Practices:**
- A. George Carganilla presents Practice Record & Practice Sheet, rubric and student contract handout ☺ and covers the process. George also handed out the ABC's (handout! ☺) of the Saxophone and demonstrates correct embouchure, air support and care/ use of the instrument and recommendations for mouthpiece. Silly Putty and dental floss tricks! George offers to go to Rico and get a Rico Royal



**LOS ANGELES SECONDARY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
(LASMTA)**

P.O. BOX 34666 Los Angeles, CA 90034-9998

mouthpiece set-ups, for a Jazz Band Section (B7), 5 set-ups (2 alto, 2 tenor & 1 Bari) for \$200. If interested contact George at gcarg1@hotmail.com

- B. Julie West brought Practice Sheet/Records handouts too! ☺ and goes over the process. Julie also presents Listening Logs ☺ that are divided into 8 components of music and guides them through the process and develops listening skills.
- C. “Mary’s Circle of Fifths” Hand out ☺, which teaches learning the tune in multiple keys, key signatures, sharps & flats & transposition. Chords of Just Intonation Handout ☺ that serves as a reference tool for chords and their cent variations in Just intonation. Lastly, a handout ☺ that covers the notes that tend to be out of tune on each of the instruments & a Chorale that students can play and helps them aurally identify out of tune notes (application) and it gives them the opportunity to have students listen and adjust accordingly to practice compensating for the instrument’s tendency. Mark offers to send any teacher a set of these for each instrument and even an envelop for teachers to fill out on the spot! And he will send them out ASAP!

IV. Old Business:

- A. STEAM Conference- In LA there is a Group called “Town Hall” that tries to make LA a better place to live and work. Eventually they started an Education Focus. Boeing endorsed the Arts, and we end up with STEAM. Examples of the connection between arts and various industries. Ex: Airbag is folded in an origami pattern, Discussions: “Standardized test, ensures that we don’t fail, but it also ensures mediocrity.” Businesses want people that know how to be leaders, but can also highly function in a group... that was a priority for an employee. They addressed the connections of what is being tested being way off base from the skill that students will need in the work force, problem solving, application of what information is available etc.
- B. Solo & Ensemble Festival (includes Piano) Festival April 9th at Hamilton HS
 - 1. The application will be available shortly on line and at the next meeting. \$15 for soloists, \$20 for a small group. We can provide an accompanist for an extra \$10 and advance notice.
 - 2. May 7th Scholarship Auditions at Central HS LA High School #9

V. New Business

- A. The Middle School Honor’s Festival is May 1 at a new location of the Gibson Amphitheater
- B. Floating Adjudicators to come to schools and provide authentic ratings.
- C. “Bass Day” is at Walter Reed on March 26th.
- D. Future Meeting Dates and Hosts
 - 1. March 8th: Yosuke Miyoshi@ Paul Revere MS
 - 2. April 6th: Steve Burch @ Panorama
 - 3. Next Month’s Best Practices: Yosuke & Mark Wamhoff

VI. Adjournment Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 pm Motion made by Julie West and Seconded by Suzanne Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Desiree Fowler