



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: March 8th, 2011

Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Revere Middle School

- I. Call to Order** by Mark Johnsen at 6:11 pm
- II. Attendance:** Desiree Fowler, Julie West, Michael Tramm, Mark Johnsen, Laura Lee Custudio, Cat Gold, Erica Clewett, Yosuke Miyoshi, Stewart Rupp, Chris Clewett, Arwen Hernandez, Jose Medina and Dan Taguchi.
- III. Reports**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from February
 - 1. Motion to accept January's minutes from Laura Lee Custudio, seconded by Julie West. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Michael Tramm reports that due to an audit (taxes) no changes have been made to our account and therefore there is no report.
 - 2. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Julie West, seconded by Dan Taguchi. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Secretary's Report
 - 1. The application for the Solo & Ensemble Festival was emailed to members and is also on the website. Deadline to apply March 24th.
 - 2. Motion to accept Secretary's report made by Yosuke Miyoshi, Seconded by Laura Lee Custudio. Motion carried unanimously.
 - D. Vice President's Report
 - 1. Julie West reports that we currently have 48 members.
 - 2. MS Honor Groups first rehearsal is on Friday March 18th.
 - 3. Articulation Meetings next Tuesday at several locations, you are encouraged to attend & need to RSVP. Julie Corallo had sent out an email.
 - 4. The Instructional Festival information is out and locations are filling up fast. Julie Corallo sent out the information. There is again a \$130 entry fee per ensemble.
 - 5. Motion to accept Vice President's report made by Yosuke Miyoshi, Seconded by Chris Clewett. Motion carried unanimously.
 - E. President's Report
 - 1. Diverts to New Business
 - 2. Motion to approve the Past-President's Report made by Julie West seconded by Cat Gold. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Best Practices:**
 - A. Best Practice led by Robyn Anders ☺ with a handout that indicates research that shows the link between students studying music and cognitive development. Students that study music have higher test scores especially in mathematics. Links that have research to support the academic value of music provided. Email anderob@gmail.com for links and further info.
 - B. Yosuke Miyoshi on the Euphonium & Baritone with power point! Handouts too! ☺ Tips on teaching as well as recommendations for valve oils, brands for mouthpieces, instruments and method books.
- V. Old Business:**
 - A. Solo Ensemble Festival April 9th at Hamilton HS



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1. Mark Johnsen asks for assistance at the Festival. Jose Medina volunteers to help. We have one more meeting to help plan and collect volunteers.
2. Applications are due March 24th.
- B. Other LASMTA Event Calendar dates:
 1. May 7th Scholarship Auditions at Central HS
 - a. Please suggest panel members for this event.

VI. New Business

- A. Eloise Porter reached out to Mark regarding Judy Elliott cutting the production of the DVD for The Honor Ensemble Festivals both Elementary and Middle School. Discussing on how the DVD airs on LAUSD & is good PR & helps motivate students participate. 550 students participate in these two festivals. \$7500 is quite a bit of money, however, and perhaps we can suggest a scaled down version of a recording.
- B. Arts Teacher position cuts
 1. 60 single subject music teacher's positions will be in jeopardy. The cuts on Elementary Arts combined with Seniority, will impact secondary teachers. Desiree will forward Julie Corallo's email that contains advice and information.
- C. "Friends of the Arts in LAUSD" Wednesday, March 9th from 6-8pm at UTLA Headquarters. If we don't go to UTLA meetings and represent ourselves as arts teachers, the Union will not notice us or fight for us. We need to attend these meetings with talking points such as: Music teachers teach 1.5 to 2 times more students and if the music teacher gets cut their will be. Desiree will forward these emails to LASMTA.
- D. Next Tuesday before school there will be in front of school cut leaflets to hand out to parents regarding the cuts. Teachers are encouraged to put an empty chair out if they receive a RIF notice.
- E. Professional Development in Music one week from today: Articulation Meetings for banked Tuesdays at various locations. Bring lists of students for the schools you feed into.
- F. LASMTA Officer Nomination for 2011-2012
 1. Special Circumstances extending deadlines in By-laws due to worry as to whether they will have a job next year. Please consider being on the Board for next year as positions are terming out as indicated in our By-laws
- G. "Bass Day" at Walter Reed March 26th & "Viola Fest" March 27th.
- H. Future Meeting Dates and Hosts
 1. Wednesday April 6th: Steve Burch @ Panorama HS
 2. End of the Year Meeting Grammy Foundation: Proposing May 18th, 19th, & the 23rd. Julie will contact David Sears to figure out which date would be available.
 3. Next Month's Best Practices: Mark Johnsen & Laura Lee Custudio. Desiree will ask Steve to provide a projector & RCA or a TV.

VII. Adjournment Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 pm Motion made by Desiree Fowler and Seconded by Cat Gold. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Desiree Fowler