



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: November 9, 2011

Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Palms Middle School

- I. Call to Order** by Julie West at 6:26.
- II. Attendance:** Brian Blanchard, Julie West, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, Scott Burstein, Cat Gold and Margaret Asato
- III. Reports**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from October
 - 1. Motion to accept October's minutes from Brian Blanchard, seconded by Margaret Asato. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Dan Taguchi will go to credit union to get more information on the accounts.
 - 2. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report carried unanimously.
 - C. Secretary's Report
 - 1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting.
 - 2. Motion to accept the Secretary's report carried unanimously.
 - D. Vice President's Report
 - 1. Jennifer Elliott gave the Vice President's report for Desiree Fowler who was unable to be present at the meeting.
 - 2. There are currently 39 members.
 - 3. If anyone is interested in being a mentor/mentee fill out the form and Desiree will be in contact with you.
 - 4. The LASMTA Scholarship Auditions are confirmed for May 5 at Cortines High School.
 - 5. Desiree emailed Steve Burch to consult on researching cheaper alternatives for the LASMTA website. Further discussion is needed.
 - 6. The Young Arts program was explained and the informational DVDs were given to all interested teachers.
 - 7. Motion to accept the Vice President's report carried unanimously.
 - E. President's Report
 - 1. Julie West created the new brochure.
 - 2. Tonight is the last night to join for \$20.
 - 3. Motion to accept the President's report carried unanimously
- IV. Best Practices:**
 - A. Best Handouts
 - B. Cat Gold got a handout from a Facebook page for band directors. "Be a Rehearsal Detective." Something for a student to do who is unable to play for the day.
 - C. Margaret Asato shared a practice log and failure notice in English and Spanish.
 - D. Jennifer Elliott shared work sheets for Student Led Conferences.
 - E. Dan Taguchi shared a jazz improvisation handout by Chris Tedesco.
- V. Old Business:**
 - A. Solo and Ensemble Festival at Hamilton is tentatively set for Saturday April 14 at Hamilton HS. Discussion of format of recording and if there is a need.



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There was a suggestion to have participants record themselves since technology is so widely owned.

B. If you are interested in mentoring, sign up.

VI. New Business

A. Julie Corallo said that if anyone has questions for her to email her.

B. Scott Burstein wants to know how many displaced teachers are still around as this affects teachers who are currently working as long term subs.

C. Next meeting will be held at SOCES on Jan. 10.

VII. Adjournment Meeting Adjourned at 7:31 pm. Moved by Cat Gold and seconded by Scott Burstein. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott