



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: February 13, 2012

Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Millikan Middle School

- I. Call to Order** by Julie West at 6:15 pm.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Jennifer Elliott, Gloria Smith, George Carganilla, Laura Lee Custodio, Mark Johnsen, Yosuke Miyoshi, Dan McNamara, Jessica Johnson, Marisa Crabtree, Brian Blanchard, David Zavala, Cat Gold and Robert Eisenhart
- III. Reports**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from January
 1. Motion to accept January's minutes from Mark Johnsen, seconded by Cat Gold. Motion carried unanimously. Correction to the date of future meetings. Yosuke Miyoshi moved to accept as amended and Desiree seconded.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 1. Dan Taguchi was not present.
 - C. Secretary's Report
 1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting and forwarded an email from UTLA with updates.
 - D. Vice President's Report
 1. There are 46 members.
 2. Desiree Fowler sent out an email regarding the mentor/mentee program.
 3. An adjudicator was found for guitar for the Solo and Ensemble Festival.
 4. Julie Corallo sent out information about festivals.
 5. A guitar festival will be held at Hamilton HS.
 6. She spoke about Young Arts program.
 - E. President's Report
 1. Julie West cleared out the P.O. Box of bills, etc.
- IV. Best Practices:**
 - A. Julie West presented on her library system that includes a record of pieces that were performed at festival.
 - B. Brian Blanchard is starting to keep notes on section difficulties in particular pieces.
 - C. There was a discussion of sharing music and the district music library.
 - D. Julie West brought old concert programs to share.
 - E. Mark Johnsen used to use a 3 year rotation of themes for his concerts, music history, world music and Americana.
 - F. George Carganilla had students write bios on the section leaders to include in the program.
 - G. There was a discussion of practice log procedures.
 - H. Desiree Fowler shared some ideas on how to make concerts more engaging with the audience.
 - I. Laura Lee shared concert tickets that she has created.
 - J. Mark Johnsen shared some ideas he has used to make his concerts more engaging.
- V. Calendar Dates**
 1. March 13 meeting will be at Palms MS
 2. April 11 meeting will be at Irving MS



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3. May End of the Year Meeting TBA at the Grammy Foundation

VI. Old Business:

- A. The Solo and Ensemble Festival is at Hamilton HS on April 14. Julie West brought in some solo and ensemble books to share.
- B. Scholarship auditions are on May 5 at Cortines School of VAPA. New applications will be on the website soon.

VII. New Business

- A. Arts Education Branch news is that 100% will be cut from the elementary programs.
- B. Ginger Fox from UTLA sent out updates on the status of the arts in LAUSD.
- C. There was a discussion of ideas on how to advocate for the arts that are threatened by budget cuts.
- D. There was a question about woodwind repairs. There is a back up on repairs due to lay offs.
- E. There was a discussion of ideas of what can be done to save Julie Corallo's position.

VIII. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. Moved by Mark Johnsen and seconded by Lara Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott