



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** March 13, 2012

**Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm**

**Palms MS**

- I. Call to Order** by Julie West at 6:13 pm.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, Yosuke Miyoshi, David Yakerson, Julie Corallo, Mark Johnsen, Diana McConnell, Brian Blanchard, Cat Gold, Laura Lee Custodio, Scott Burstein, Monica Chi, David Sears, Jose Medina, George Carganilla and Laurie Morey
- III. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from February
    1. Motion to accept February's minutes from Desiree, seconded by Yosuke Miyoshi. Motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
    1. Dan Taguchi reported checking account balance \$5084.77. CD has \$6,691. Total balance is \$11,911.04.
  - C. Secretary's Report
    1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting.
  - D. Vice President's Report
    1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 50 members.
    2. New mentor information was sent out.
    3. Concert inserts to advocacy were finished and sent out. Working on getting them translated into Spanish.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Julie West reported
- IV. Best Practices:**
  - A. Julie West uses a practice log that parents need to sign every week. She makes it 10% of their grade. Once a year, at least, she has them do a practice log she got from a Orchestra Expressions that requires them to answer questions about their practicing. Parents had to fill something out that got them more involved.
  - B. Yosuke Miyoshi said some teachers are using Google docs to do practice logs. Unfortunately there is not much parental oversight on this.
  - C. George Carganilla gave an assignment where the parent had to do something.
  - D. David Yakerson asked if anyone has a rubric for choral students.
  - E. Suggestion for next meeting to be on grading and rubrics.
  - F. Mark Johnsen has beginning band students use a daily practice log. 2<sup>nd</sup> year kids have a weekly assignment. Advanced students have a monthly log.
  - G. Desiree Fowler has guidelines for practicing on the board and on the back of the practice log. Students who didn't practice still need to put their name on it and bring it up which then leads to a one on one conversation about their grade.
  - H. Monica Chi has them do a practice report a couple of weeks before the concert.
  - I. Julie Corallo asks her students what they need to practice. Works as self assessment and motivation to meet their goals.
  - J. Discussion of getting an official statement from Risk Management on policies regarding trips to amusement parks.
- V. Old Business:**



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- A. Solo and Ensemble festival deadline is March 23. Volunteers are needed. The festival is on April 14.
- B. Scholarship application will be on the website soon and the deadline is April 25. It is at May 5 at Cortines HS.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Julie Corallo gave a report on the status of teacher's jobs and the arts. The vote on the budget will be based on UTLA negotiations. As of today, the elementary arts program is cut. This would result in 200 elementary arts teachers needing jobs. This is why RIF's went out to secondary teachers. However, if elementary arts gets restored it will save positions. But we may not have answers until May. Once Julie gets a list of who is being RIF's she can make impact reports on how programs will not be able to continue with a new teacher.
- B. Discussion on festivals, choral and guitar programs.
- C. Julie Corallo reported that there will be a new course title list. There are many classes being misnamed.
- D. Julie West reported there are only 6 groups signed up for her festival on May 4.
- E. Cat Gold shared that Sarah Kang from Millikan MS passed away. The school will be hosting a memorial for her on Thursday, March 29.
- F. Jose Medina had a question about creating a matrix that is centered around the arts for his school.

**VII. Next Meeting**

- A. Irving Middle School on April 11

**VIII. Adjournment** Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm. Moved by Mark Johnsen and seconded by Desiree Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott