



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** October 24, 2012

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

**Palms MS**

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:13.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, Brian Blanchard, Mark Johnsen, Crystal Nichols, DeLynn Schrenholtz, Monica Chi, Juan Rodriguez, Reggie Smith, Yosuke Miyoshi, Diana McConnell, Suzanne Jones, Erica Clewett, John Balbuena, Paul Strand, George Carganilla, Dan Taguchi, Arwen Hernandez, Jose Medina, Mark Wamhoff and Martin Garcia
- III. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from September
    1. Motion to accept September's minutes from Reggie, seconded by Juan. Motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
    1. Dan Taguchi reported checking account balance \$5,870.48 and the CD balance is \$6691. \$12,581.48 total funds.
  - C. Secretary's Report
    1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting. A mailing was sent out to all schools.
  - D. Vice President's Report
    1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 21 members. 6 more were added tonight for a total of 27 members.
    2. Mentor form from last time did not have names on it. So she will email and talk to everyone to find out who wants to be a mentor/mentee.
    3. A Facebook group was created and is called Los Angeles Secondary Music Teacher Association.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Julie West David Early found a lot of music at his school that he cannot use and brought for people to take.
    2. SCSBOA Conference is connected with NAMM this year. Applications were passed around.
    3. Paul Strand reported that the Arts Branch is sponsoring PDs on Tuesdays. More to come on vocal, instrumental and technology. March 16 will be large Arts Fest.

**Chromatik**

- There is a web version and an iPad version. A library of content is provided.
- Used for music distribution. Music can be viewed, annotated and the student can be recorded. Allows teacher to be able to give students direct feedback.
- The program is free. [Matt@Chromatik.com](mailto:Matt@Chromatik.com) or [David@Chromatik.com](mailto:David@Chromatik.com)

**Best Practices**

1. Jose Medina presented Music Jeopardy and a Music Rehearsal Expectations Powerpoint with pictures.
2. Desiree Fowler presented on conducting.
3. George Carganilla presented on flute embouchure.

**Old Business**



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- Tony White is working on getting more people working in the District Repair Shop.
- Tony White also wants to be in partnership with LASMTA on workshops.
- December 8 is Band and Drill competition at East LA College.
- Arts UTLA meeting took place today. They wanted to know how many displaced arts teachers there are. There was discussion of how hiring and seniority lists work in music.

**New Business**

- Brian Blanchard presented about Horns a Plenty for French Horn players. It will be held at Byrd Middle School, on Tuesday December 11.
- Paul Strands presented that the vocal professor at Colburn School of Music will be speaking at Virgil MS.
- Julie Corallo has told Paul Strand how to do the Instructional Festivals but still needs to do more research.
- Julie West presented on doing phone banking on propositions. Yes on 30 and no on 32.
- Diana McConnell is looking for a cello rack.
- Solo and Ensemble Festival is March 9 at Hamilton HS. The Scholarship Competition is April 30 at Cortines HS.

**IV. Adjournment** Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm. Moved by Jennifer Elliott and seconded by Dan Taguchi. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott