



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** November 14, 2012

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

Hale MS

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:15.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, Brian Blanchard, Mark Johnsen, Erica Clewett, Arwen Hernandez, Jessica O'Rourke, Yosuke Miyoshi, David Yakerson, Steve Burch, John Balbuena and Paul Strand
- III. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from October
    1. Motion to accept October's minutes from David Yakerson as corrected, seconded by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
    1. Dan Taguchi reported checking account balance \$5,760.48 and the CD balance is \$6691. \$12,471.48 total funds.
  - 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 34 members and is working on the mentor/mentees. There are 8 people that have volunteered to mentors and 6 that have asked to be mentees.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Julie West reminded everyone of the SCSBOA/NAMM conference application must be post parked by tomorrow to get a \$25 discount.
    2. No new on the tax situation, but an ultimatum was given to the lawyer if she doesn't have any progress soon.

**Best Practices**

1. Dan Taguchi separated his jazz band into 2 groups for his concert. He had them play for each other. He made them to a written and verbal critique of each other. In orchestra he had the 7<sup>th</sup> graders play the odd measures and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders play the even measures with a goal of having no difference in tone, etc. A discussion of various ways to get students to listen and give each other feedback followed.
2. Jessica O'Rourke shared a choral exercise.
3. Julie West shared "Fun Fridays."
4. Mark Johnsen shared his lesson on playing a song like Mary Had a Little Lamb in different keys.
5. Mark Johnsen will email a "rehearsal behavior sheet" to members who are interested in response to a discussion dealing with behavior problems.

**Old Business**

- A. Sharing ideas on how to get more people involved in LASMTA.
- B. Prop 30 passed however we are unsure of the details on how this will affect us.
- C. Paul Strand reported that they are trying to get licensing on songs they would like to perform in the Arts Festival. Steve Burch is arranging "Turn, Turn, Turn."
- D. Julie West talked to Stephen McCarthy that the repair shop is in great need. He is concerned as well.
- E. Solo and Ensemble Festival is during the Arts Festival week of activities.

**New Business**



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- A. Paul Strand is putting down dates for schools that want to host instructional festival dates.
  - B. Paul Strand reported that the next Arts Branch PD will be November 27 at Hamilton HS or December 4 at Hawkins HS on music tech.
  - C. Next meeting on January 24 at Reed MS.
- IV. **Adjournment** Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm. Moved by Steve Burch and seconded by Yosuke Miyoshi. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott