



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: January 24, 2013

Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Reed MS

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:17.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott,
- III. Reports**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from November
 - 1. Motion to accept November's minutes from David Yakerson, seconded by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Dan Taguchi sent the Board the financial report. The checking account balance as of Nov. 14, 2012 is \$5,760.48. The CD balance is \$6,704.32 with a total balance of \$12,324.80.
 - 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 35 members. She was able to match up some of the mentors and mentees.
 - 2. The rubric conversation that happened through email was great and she suggested that perhaps this is something that could be added to the website. The Solo and Ensemble Application is now online.
 - E. President's Report
 - 1. Julie West reported that NAMM is this weekend. Greg is still working with the lawyers on getting our tax status resolved.

Best Practices

- 1. Steven McDonaugh presented on listening. He uses an iPod to have recordings of the music they are studying close at hand. He uses a projector to show the score to the whole group. In Jazz he is putting a focus on combo jazz since that is where the real roots of jazz come from. He gave a handout for his presentation. ☺ Desiree Fowler brought up a program called gAssistant and asked if anyone knows of a PC equivalent.
- 2. Jessica O'Rourke presented on teaching percussion. She explained how she starts out the year and teaches the students what being a percussionist means. She works on teamwork and rotating of instruments. She also recommends assigning the parts for the more advanced groups so that all students get the experience they need. Always post the pieces in the agenda so that the percussionists can set up what is needed ahead of time. She also did a quick lesson on tuning the timpani. She also had a handout. ☺
- 3. Next month Dan Taguchi will present on preparing for jazz festivals.

Old Business

- 1. Solo and Ensemble Festival applications are out and due February 18. The festival is on March 9 at Hamilton HS. Last year we had 134 entries. We are expecting fewer entries this year so everyone is encouraged to send as many students as possible. Julie is requesting help in finding judges for the festival.
- 2. Paul Strand discussed the PD that will be happening next week. He also announced that Arts Fest 2013 has been postponed until fall. Many suggested postponing to the following spring. He also reported on the Instructional Festivals and the dates. He had a hand out with just the dates and locations. ☺ The application will go out tomorrow.



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The money will be sent directly to the school sites instead of the district this year. Schools that are hosting can get one of their groups in for free. Paul did not put a general announcement out to all schools but asked at tonight's meeting if there are any additional schools that are interested in hosting. A suggestion was made to make a general announcement for schools to host and give some guidelines on dates as well.

3. Scholarship auditions are on April 20 at Cortines HS.

New Business

1. March meeting tentatively on March 6 at Julian Nava Learning Academy. April meeting on April 8 at Panorama HS.
 2. Steve Burch commented on the rubric discussion that started through email. A suggestion to put rubric suggestions on the LASMTA website.
- IV. Adjournment** Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm. Moved by David Yakerson and seconded by Mark Johnsen . Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott