



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: February 19, 2013

Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

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- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:12.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, Tony White, David Sears, Arwen Hernandez, Yosuke Myoshi, Paul Strand, David Yakerson, Mark Johnsen and Juan Rodriguez.
- III. Reports**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from January
 1. Motion to accept January's meeting Juan Rodriguez and seconded by Dan Taguchi.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 1. Dan Taguchi reported that as of February 19, 2013 the balance is \$12,075.94.
 - C. Secretary's Report
 1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting. The Solo and Ensemble applications were sent out.
 - D. Vice President's Report
 1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 36 members.
 2. Desiree posted the Solo and Ensemble applications onto the website and contacted adjudicators.
 3. Desiree asked for teachers to submit their ideas on rubrics.
 - E. President's Report
 1. Julie West reported that many went to the SCSBOA Convention at NAMM. Julie received the veteran teachers award. ☺
 2. Tony White reported that having NAMM and SCSBOA together was hectic.
 3. School Board elections are happening and Julie will be helping with phone banking.
 4. Ginger Fox sent out an email calling off the protest against Monica Garcia posting a billboard about the importance of the arts since she decided not to go though with posting the billboard.

Best Practices

1. Dan Taguchi presented on preparing students for a jazz festival. Choose music that matches your talent. Always look at the lead trumpet and check for the range. Never do a pop tune at a festival. Have a variety of styles of jazz in your set. Have students practice microphone technique long before the festival with a mic stand and mics. Kendor convertibles are charts that can work for smaller instrumentation.
2. Arwen Hernandez presented on organization. Charmsoffice.com is a program management website.
3. Tony White will present next meeting on improvisation.

Beyond the Bell Update

1. Tony White updated everyone on the status of the music repair shop. LAUSD is the only district in the nation with a music repair shop. It would be a great idea for music teachers to write letters to the School Board, etc. to fight for the repair shop.
2. There have been a few sousaphone thefts in LAUSD. He advises everyone to keep an eye out.



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3. David Sears stated that LASMTA needs to make a push to gain more members so that the organization has more power to fight for music education.
4. Julie West stated that all music teachers should be making sure their principals know about the repair shop and how important it is.
5. David Sears reported on a new award for music educators by the Grammy Foundation.
6. Mark Johnsen moved that LASMTA send out an email to the members updating them on the status of the repair shop and some actions they can take. The motion was seconded by David Sears. David added that this should be sent out to all music teachers in the district.

Old Business

1. Solo and Ensemble Festival applications are due and there are 85 entries down from 130 last year. We need volunteers to help out at the festival.
2. Paul Strand reported that there is an additional choral festival planned. On March 19 there will be a PD with Larry Stoffle at Van Nuys HS on conducting.
3. Scholarship auditions on April 20 at Cortines HS. Applications are on the website.

New Business

1. The last meeting will be at the Grammy Foundation.
2. The next meeting will be at Julian Nava Learning Academy on March 6.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 pm. Moved by Desiree Fowler and seconded by Juan Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott