



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** March 6, 2013

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

Julian Nava Learning Academy

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:20.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, Tony White, Paul Strand, Tina Curtis, Juan Rodriguez, Darnella Davidson, Wilber Ibarra, Jose Medina, Diana McConnell, Mark Schur and Jim Lownes.
- III. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from January
    1. Motion to accept January's meeting minutes by Desiree Fowler and seconded by Diana McConnell.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
    1. Dan Taguchi reported that as of March 6, 2013 the balance is \$11,746.48.
  - 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 39 members.
    2. Desiree posted the Solo and Ensemble schedule, the Scholarship application 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 she worked on Solo and Ensemble.

**Best Practices**

1. Tony White presented on improvisation, "Getting into the Groove." These techniques work with instrumentalists and vocalists. Good tone is a good tone in every type of music. Listen to the greats! Use relevant tunes. He handed out a sample piece for beginning improvisors from The Real Easy Book, "Sonny Moon for Two." ☺

**Solo and Ensemble Festival**

1. Julie West reported on all of the entries and adjudicators for the Festival.
2. Anyone is welcome to come in and listen and/or volunteer.
3. We are breaking even on the costs.

**Advocacy**

1. Letter was sent out to LASMTA members regarding the Repair Shop.
2. Julie contacted LASESMA about the Repair Shop. They are trying to stay in close contact with Steven on this issue.
3. There was a discussion on ways to advocate for the Repair Shop. The district has made a huge investment has made into music programs, and we need to let them know that maintenance of the instruments purchased is a necessity.

**Old Business**

1. Paul Strand reported that Larry Stoffle will be doing a PD at Van Nuys HS on March 19 and Corines HS on April 2.
2. Instructional Festivals are filling up.
3. Paul Strand shared that Vernon Leidig, retired music teacher passed away. The services will be on March 16 at Oneonta Church in Pasadena.
4. There will be a vocal position opening at Manual Arts HS.
5. Scholarship Auditions will be taking place at Cortines HS.



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**New Business**

1. The last meeting will be at the Grammy Foundation on Tuesday, May 14.
2. The next meeting will be on April 8 at Panorama HS.
3. Diana McConnell had a question about how fundraising money is used.
4. Steve Burch will be presenting Best Practices at the next meeting. Everyone is asked to bring ear phones.

**IV. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:49 pm. Moved by Juan Rodriguez and seconded by Mark Jonhsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott