



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** April 8, 2013

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

**Panorama High School**

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:20 pm.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, George Carganilla, Mark Johnsen, Steve Burch, Dave Yakerson, Diana McConnell, Suzanne Jones, Brian Blanchard, Erica Clewett, John Balbuena, David Zavala, Robin Sharp and Paul Strand.
- III. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from March
    1. Motion to accept March's meeting minutes by Desiree Fowler as amended and seconded by Mark Johnsen.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
    1. Dan Taguchi reported that as of April 8, 2013 the balance is \$11,676.44.
  - C. Secretary's Report
    1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting. The Scholarship applications were sent out.
  - D. Vice President's Report
    1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 40 members.
    2. Desiree will be in charge of organizing refreshments for the final meeting.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Julie West reported thanked all that helped out at the Solo and Ensemble Festival. The event almost broke even financially.

**Scholarship Auditions**

1. Applications are due April 10. They are held at Cortines HS on April 20 at 9 am.

**SmartMusic Presentation – Kathleen Krasenics**

1. Kathleen gave a presentation on SmartMusic and gave us an opportunity to get more information. She also brought the food. ☺

**Best Practices**

1. Steve Burch presented on how he uses Finale Notepad in the computer lab as well as some dictation exercise links on his school website. He also passed out a packet of chorales and scale exercises. And has them in every key for every instrument. ☺

**Old Business**

1. Instructional Festivals – Desiree reported that the festival she hosted at Cortines HS went very well. She also let everyone know that W9's and invoices were needed for the adjudicators. There was a discussion of the remaining festivals.
2. The conducting PD with Larry Stoffel went well. Steve Burch reported on what worked well and how it was nice to be able to focus on conducting. Others reported that the techniques they learned worked with their own students.
3. Paul Strand reported that next year on March 15, 2014 the Arts Branch is planning Arts Fest at Grand Park in Downtown LA.

**New Business**

1. The last meeting of the year will be at the Grammy Foundation on May 14. The scholarship winners will perform. Desiree is in charge of the refreshments.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm. Moved by Motion Steve Burch and seconded by Desiree Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott