



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** September 11, 2013

**Official Meeting Time: 6:00-8:00 pm**

**SOCES**

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:07 pm.
- II.** pm.
- III. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, Mark Johnsen, George Carganilla, David Yakerson, John Balbuena, James Rozsa, Yosuke Miyoshi, Arwen Hernandez, Erica Clewett, Christopher Rodriguez
- IV. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from September
    1. Motion to accept September's meeting minutes by Mark Johnsen and seconded by David Yakerson.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
    1. Julie West (for Dan Taguchi) reported that as of October 14, 2013 the balance is \$11,170.67.
  - C. Secretary's Report
    1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting.
    2. Updates from Tony White:
      - Repair Shop – Brass have a 3 week to month wait, strings have a 3 month and woodwinds have a 6 month wait.
      - Dolor Cocher Jazz workshop at Cortines on Feb 26
      - Beyond the Bell Jazz Festival on April 5 at Cortines
      - Beyond the Bell Drumline Competition on May 3 at El Sereno MS
      - All City March Band still taking brass players until Nov. 2
      - Marching Band Championships on Dec. 7 at ELAC
      - Grammy Signature Schools Application deadline is Oct. 22
      - Mr. Holland's Opus helping Kennedy HS and Crenshaw HS
  - D. Vice President's Report
    1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 25 members as of today. We received 3 interested in mentoring and 1 that wants to be a mentee.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Julie West started a discussion on the new scholarship competition for future music educators that will include an essay written by the student, a letter of recommendation, list of accomplishments, how their experiences will contribute to their teaching, experience working with peers or younger students, etc.

**CASMEC – Calif. All-State Music Educator's Conference**

In Fresno February 20-24, 2013.

Larry Stoffle is leading a panel for urban teachers.

**Tricks of the Trade**

- A. James Rosza presented on rhythm composites. Had a hand out of Basic Drum Set Patterns. ☺
- B. Chris Rodriguez presented best practices from Linda Mouradian. He brought packets of various documents she created for her elementary instrumental programs. He also spoke about teacher placements in the elementary schools are in flux. He also spoke about the instrumental and choral festivals that are scheduled for the year. There was a discussion about getting more novice programs to get involved in the festivals.

**Updates from the Arts Branch**

- A. Chris Rodriguez spoke about teacher placements in the elementary schools are in flux.
- B. He also spoke about the instrumental and choral festivals that are scheduled for the year. There was a discussion about getting more novice programs to get involved in the festivals.
- C. He brought fliers for the Arts Integration Class for non-arts classroom teachers.



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- D. There will be lots of goodies at the upcoming Professional Development meetings. Nov. 5 at Valley Academy and Nov. 7 at Metropolitan HS. These will focus on technology and best practices. In February 4 at Bancroft and Feb 5 at a Valley location for a counseling workshop. April 22 and April 23 additional PDs.

**Repair Shop and Arts Plan**

- Julie reported on the report KPCC story on the repair shop. They interviewed Julie, Tony White and Dan McNamara.
- There is a promise of them restoring several positions, but we need to keep on this.
- The recommendation is that everyone to keep sending their instruments in for repair. The wait time is: Brass 1 month, strings 2 months, woodwinds 6 months.
- Julie shared the Galatzen Gazette that contains an article on the repair shop that is full of inaccuracies.

**New Business**

- The Arts Fest is the same day as the Solo Ensemble Festival so the date for our festival will need a new date.
- Robert Eisenhart raised the issue of stipends for secondary schools being cut while other outside programs are growing.

**Next meeting:** Palms MS on Nov. 7, 6-8 pm

**Adjournment**

Yosuke Miyoshi moved to adjourn. David Yakerson seconds. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott