



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** November 7, 2013

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

**Palms MS**

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:11 pm.
- II.** pm.
- III. Attendance:** Julie West, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, James Rozsa, Yosuke Miyoshi, Ekai Maureas, Diana McConnell, Gil Flores, Johnatha Hass, Monica Chi, Paul Strand, David Yakerson, Steve Burch and David Sears
- IV. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from October
    1. Motion to accept October's meeting minutes by James Rozsa and seconded by Yosuke Miyoshi.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
    1. Dan Taguchi reported that as of October 14, 2013 we have a balance of \$11,260.67.
  - 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. In Desiree Fowler's absence, Jennifer Elliott reported that we have 34 members as of today. Jennifer also shared Desiree's recommendation for members to sign up to be a mentor or mentee. Applications were provided.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Julie West asked Desiree to update the website about scholarships. We are working on establishing the criteria for the new scholarship.

**Old Business**

- Paul Strand spoke about the Arts Fest on March 15. It would celebrate all of the arts at Grand Park. And there is \$10,000 from Boeing for transportation. Steve Burch arranged "Turn, Turn, Turn" and they have gotten the rights for it to have a massive performance. Steve brought the score to the piece.
- Solo and Ensemble festival date has been changed to March 8.
- Music repair shop update: Paul Strand reported that they have hired Rudy Saldozar to head the secondary repair shop temporarily. Teachers are encouraged to get their instruments in if they are in need of repair.

**Tricks of the Trade**

- A. James Rozsa recommended "Thunder Soul" documentary.
- B. Julie West had a handout on woodwind repair troubleshooting. ☺ She also showed everyone a Valentino pad kit.
- C. James Rozsa presented the flyswatter game. He had a poster of some rhythms. He plays a rhythm and students point to the rhythm with a fly swatter. The first one of a pair wins. You can do 2 rhythms on 2 different instruments too.

**New Business**

- The NAMM Show is January 25-26.
- May meeting will be at the Grammy Foundation office in Santa Monica.
- Paul Strand gave out the schedule of the future Secondary PDs.
- Future LASMTA meetings: Revere MS, Panorama HS, Bancroft or ArTES(Cesar Chavez)
- David Yakerson asked about the state of the tax situation of LASMTA. We are working on getting the State to agree.
- Diana McConnell asked about taking students to amusement parks. The suggestion is to do it through PTSA.
- A discussion started about rules for marching bands playing in the stands during football games.
- David Sears reported on the Grammy Foundation Educator Award and the Signature School Award.



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**Next meeting:** Cortines HS on Jan. 15, 6-8 pm

**Adjournment**

David Yakerson moved to adjourn. Yosuke Miyoshi seconds. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott