



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: January 15, 2014

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

Cortines HS

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:19 pm.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, Desiree Fowler, Diana McConnell, James Rozsa, Jonathan Kenion, Curtis Mitchell, Adam Poirier, Paul Strand, Martin Garcia, Suzanne Jones, Erica Clewett, Marc Manriquez, Robert Eisenhart, Mark Johnsen, Tony White and Stormy Sacks.
- III. Reports**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from November
 1. Motion to accept November's Desiree Fowler seconded by Rosza. All approved.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 1. Dan Taguchi reported that as of January 15 we have a balance of \$11,799.05.
 - 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. Desiree reported that we have 36 members as of tonight.
 2. There are 2 people that have expressed interest in having a mentor and she is trying to pair them up with mentees.
 3. Festival information was posted on the website.
 - E. President's Report
 1. Julie West reminded people of the SCSBOA Conference and the NAMM Show. The state conference will take place February 20-22 in Fresno.
 2. Paul Strand announced the next Little Kids Rock workshop as well as the Arts Branch Arts Integration Seminar. February 4 will be meeting at Bancroft MS to do a PD on how arts classes are scheduled with a counselor. Chris Rodriguez will be sending out information and applications for the Instructional Festivals.

Old Business

- Solo and Ensemble Festival will be Saturday, March 8 at Hamilton HS. The entry deadline is February 19 and is online. The teacher must be a member of LASMTA. Accompanists will not be provided this year.
- The Scholarship Competition will be Saturday, May 3 at Cortines HS. The application deadline is April 21. The teacher needs to be a member of LASMTA and must send in the application.
- The Stewart Rupp Memorial Scholarship for Music Education is starting this year. Students will be recommended by their teacher and must be a senior that is planning on going into music education. The student will need to write a 500 word essay on the goals in music education. There was a discussion of additional ideas for the application.
- Music Repair Update – Julie shared that she just got a lot of instruments back and things are moving more quickly now. They are now currently hiring technicians. Strings are getting back in 2 weeks while wood winds are still slow. Some teachers shared that cases are coming back fixed too.
- Arts Fest is Saturday, March 15 – Paul Strand shared information on the event. He passed out music parts to “Turn, Turn, Turn” arranged by Steve Burch for this event.

Tricks of the Trade

- Jennifer Elliott presented on National Board Certification and had a hand out. ☺
- Desiree Fowler presented on Song Writing. She had a hand out and show some clips of the Song Writers Showcase. ☺
- Mark Johnsen asked for volunteers for next meeting. Dan Taguchi and Rosza volunteered.

New Business

- Julie gave an update on the non-profit status of LASMTA. Greg Robinson is working with the IRS directly. There will be an application that will cost \$400. Mark Johnsen moved to approve this, Desiree Fowler seconded. All approved.



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- Tony White is doing an inventory for the whole district to try to justify how many repair shop technicians are needed. He is asking that everyone get this into him as soon as possible. February 22 the Dolo Cocher jazz seminar will be at Cortines HS. The audition for this is on March 15. April 5 will be a Jazz Festival at Cortines HS. They are trying to encourage ensembles that are not in the norm to come together with an emphasis on improvisation. He recommended that LASMTA create a portfolio of all that is going on in the arts to give to the Superintendent every year. May 3 is the Drum Major and Drum Line Tournament. June 1 is the annual jazz extravaganza at the Roxy Theater. Beyond the Bell is looking into doing some summer camps like a blues and jazz camp. He also asked that if we have any soloists or groups that could be spotlighted, to let him know. Next year's Jazz Educator conference will be in San Diego so is hoping we can get some of our students represented in that. Robert Eisenhart thanked Tony White for all of his hard work.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 11, at Hale Middle School. The March meeting will be on March 6 tentatively. April meeting will be April 9 at Van Nuys HS.

Adjournment : The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Motioned by Paul Strand and seconded by Tony White. All approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott