



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: November 12, 2014

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

SOCES

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:21 pm.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Jennifer Elliott, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Mark Johnsen, Juan Rodriguez, Dan Gruben, Michele Middleton, George Carganilla, Erica Clewett, Jim Curtis, Steve Burch, James Rosza, Jessica O’Roarke, Wilber Ibarra and Dan McNamara
- III. Reports**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from October
 1. Motion to accept made by --- seconded by Juan Rodriguez. All approved.
 - B. Secretary’s Report
 1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight’s meeting.
 - C. Treasurer’s Report
 1. Dan Taguchi reported that the balance as of right now is \$12,282.60
 - D. Vice President’s Report
 1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 37 members.
 2. The Mentor/Mentee program is up and running. People can still sign up.
 3. The website is updated with dates.
 4. Desiree emailed the College Counselor at Cortines and she said she can email counselors throughout the district about the Stewart Rupp Scholarship if we want. We are thinking of making the deadline on February 18 to line up with other scholarship applications. The Solo and Ensemble Festival application is due February 23.
 - E. President’s Report
 1. Julie West reported that if you become a member tonight it is \$20.
 2. Mark Johnsen will be running elections for the board in the spring.
 3. Julie emailed Rory about getting a directory of all of the teachers in the district.
 4. Jonathan Kenion is still in the ICU and every day there are ups and downs with his condition. Jessica reported that they are looking for a sub for Jonathan and sub for herself later in the semester.
- IV. State of Music**
 - A. Mark Torres from KPFK spoke by invitation by Dan Taguchi. He is concerned over budget cuts to music. He would like to do an in depth story, 1 or 2 hour show, to expose Los Angeles and beyond music programs in a positive light and how they are being slashed. The goal would be to make a strong argument against cuts. He wants to hold administrators accountable, talk to current and alumni students and teachers. He is thinking about doing a concert of programs throughout the district as well. He would also like to see school music programs perform at Grand Park or elsewhere in the community.
- V. Best Practices**
 1. James Rosza made a list of all of the schools with information you can get online. He is trying to put together a list of schools, feeder patterns and the teachers at the schools. His plan is to send out a survey to all teachers in the district so that we can have concrete data to provide to Rory and anyone else that can use the information.
 2. James also presented on Creating Automatic Student Reminders if you have parent permission to use the students phone numbers. You can send out text messages or emails. Mark Johnsen shared that there is a program called Remind that can be used that hides all student information.

District Updates



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1. James Rosza did the Katy Perry money, he already got the equipment. You need to take some pictures of the kids using the equipment, so you need permission slips to do this. There is also an option to do thank you notes.

New Business

1. David Early has a lot of instruments at one of his school that are not being used. The school is selling them.
2. Julie West has applications for the Solo and Ensemble Festival. It will be held on March 14 at Hamilton HS. The deadline to turn it in is February 23.
3. Michelle Middleton asked if we have a Christmas party and volunteered to organize one.
4. Wilbur Ibarra brought up the issue of Title 1 funds and it being used for arts in other districts. Julie West brought up that she had talked to Rory about this and he was going to go to the Board of Education for this.
5. Keep sending your instruments to the repair shop.
6. Steve Burch is planning on doing a technology salary point class.
7. James Rosza is making an LAUSD Music Educator Resource Page.

Next Meeting

Tues, January 27 at Frost MS
February at Revere MS
March at Hale MS

Adjournment : The Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott