



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: January 27, 2015

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

Frost MS

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:10 pm.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Jennifer Elliott, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Mark Johnsen, Youske Miyoshi, James Rozsa, George Carganilla, Wilber Ibarra, Tina Curtis, Juan Rodriguez, Mark Wamhoff, Ryan Juny, Jennifer Bellasu, Helen Castillo, Michele Middleton, Leighanna Sears and Dan Gruber
- III. Reports**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from November
 1. Motion to accept made by Mark Johnsen and seconded by Wilbur Ibarra. Motion passed.
 - B. Secretary's Report
 1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting.
 2. Jennifer also sent out reminders of the Solo and Ensemble Festival and a request from Mark Torres from KPFK.
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 1. Dan Taguchi reported that the balance as of \$12,172.60.
 - D. Vice President's Report
 1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 42 members.
 2. The Rupp Scholarship, Julie made a new application and it has been put online. We are having emailed to all college counselors in the district. Teachers must be members.
 - E. President's Report
 1. Julie West reported that elections are coming. Mark Johnsen stated that nominations will be accepted through March. An email will be sent out to all members. Ballots will be mailed to the membership in April. To vote you must have been a member for at least 30 days.
 2. The Rupp Scholarship is now due March 23.
 3. Jonathan Kenion sadly passed away in December and there was a memorial at North Hollywood HS.
 4. Julie encouraged people to go to conferences like SCSBOA.
- IV. Best Practices**
 1. Wilber Ibarra brought his Latin band to perform. He had a handout of some history and listening suggestions. ☺
 2. Julie West shared Mozart's table music in honor of his birthday. ☺

District Updates

1. Donors Choose is over unless you were able to get a gift card.
2. Leighanna Sears shared that Google is teaming up with Donors Choose to give \$4,000 to teachers if they have 10 or more students who are female, African American or Hispanic that do a coding class.
3. The Instructional Festivals are happening. Chris Rodriguez is sending out the applications that teachers send to the hosts.
4. The Celebratory Festival in Instrumental and Choral will include performances, a group performance and a guest speaker.
5. Chris Rodriguez gave Jennifer Elliott the funding code of the Arts Allocation money. The funds are only for the arts but are the final discretion of the principal.
6. The Board just voted to make Ethnic Studies a graduation requirement at the high school level which make take a year of electives away from high school students.
7. In middle school the arts are no longer being given point credits towards culmination. As a result, some principals could view the arts as not as important to offer at their schools.



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Solo and Ensemble Festival on March 14

1. Judges are being contacted. David Sears will be a judge. There is a string and guitar judge. We are waiting to see if a vocal and percussion judge are needed.

Old Business

1. Dan Taguchi has a meeting with Mark Torres coming up regarding his project.
2. Juan Rodriguez brought in a guest, Jill, who helps him in the classroom as a music coach.
3. James Rozsa talked about the directory he is working on of music teachers in LAUSD.

Next Meeting

Tues, January 27 at Frost MS

February 24 at Revere MS

March 18 at Hale MS

Adjournment : The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Motion made by Desiree Fowler and seconded by Yosuke.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott