



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** February 24, 2015

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

**Revere MS**

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:15 pm.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Jennifer Elliott, Desiree Fowler, Mark Johnsen, George Carganilla, James Lownes, Arwen Hernandez, Darnella Davidson, Yosuke Miyoshi, Monica Chi, Wendy Reyes, Julio Sequeira and Dan Gruber
- III. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from January
    1. Motion to accept made by Mark Johnsen and seconded by Yosuke Miyoshi. All approved.
  - 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 Stewart Rupp Scholarship.
  - C. Treasurer's Report
    1. Dan Taguchi was not present but left information for Julie West to present. The balance is currently \$12, 260.06.
  - D. Vice President's Report
    1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 45 members.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Julie West reported LASMTA and LASESMA will have another meeting with Rory Pullins. There are not any more of the Arts Advisory meetings. Julie was at the Arts Advisory meeting about communication, and it was said that there will be a directory of music teachers in the district. Yosuke Miyoshi stated that it was mainly elementary teachers at these meetings.
    2. There was a discussion of how Rory Pullins was able to get Title 1 funds to be used for arts as long as it is cross curricular.
    3. Julie went to 2 conferences in the last 2 weeks. She went to TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) and CASMEC in Fresno, CA. Julie was on a panel with Robert Eisenhart on teaching in urban schools. There was another panel on administrators in urban schools that Yolie Gardea was on.
- IV. Board Elections**
  1. Mark Johnsen is collecting nominations. If people could let him know by the next meeting. Mark will create a nomination form that Jennifer Elliott can send out to the membership.
- V. Best Practices**
  1. Yosuke Miyoshi presented on Tonal Energy Tuner which is an app on the iPad or iPhone. The app costs \$3.99. He uses with Apple TV, projector and sound system.
- VI. Activities**
  1. Solo and Ensemble Festival is Saturday, March 14 at Hamilton HS. It will probably run from 8-1 pm. The judges are the nearly the same as last year.
  2. Rupp Scholarship for high school seniors is due Monday, March 23.
- VII. District Updates**
  1. Let's Celebrate festivals are happening.
  2. Chris Rodriguez contacted Julie West for a piece that could work for all levels.
  3. Instructional festival applications went out. Chris Rodriguez has said that these are a priority.
  4. There was on story on KPRC about the District Repair Shop. Everyone is encouraged to keep sending in their instruments.
  5. Title 1 can now be used for the arts. Mark Johnsen asked if anyone is using Common Core techniques that could help in justifying use of Title 1 funds.



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**VIII. New Business**

1. There was a discussion of how Beyond the Bell puts on great programs, but put out the word with too late of notice.
2. Desiree Fowler stated that our school just got 2 busses from the Mayor.

**Next Meeting**

March 18 at Hale MS  
April 13 at Lieghty MS  
May TBA at Grammy Foundation

**Adjournment** : The Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 by Yosuke Miyoshi and seconded by Dan Gruber.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott