



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: March 18, 2015

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

Hale MS

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:24 pm.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Jennifer Elliott, Desiree Fowler, Chris Estrada, Mio Hirako, George Carganilla, Juan Rodriguez, Tina Curtis, Ariana Major, Mark Warmhoff and Robert Eisenhart
- III. Best Practices**
 - A. Dan Taguchi had his mariachi group perform for the group and answered questions about his program.
- IV. Reports**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from February
 1. Motion to accept made by Juan Rodriguez motioned to approve and Desiree Fowler seconded. All approved.
 - B. Secretary's Report
 1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting.
 2. An email was sent out to notify members of the Board Elections and nominations that are due by March 31.
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 1. Dan Taguchi presented that the balance is currently \$12,422.90.
 - D. Vice President's Report
 1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 49 members.
 2. Desiree also posted the Scholarship Application on the website.
 - E. President's Report
 1. Julie West reported there were 12 schools that participated. Entries were up this year. It was very successful.
 2. Desiree and Julie are going to a meeting with Rory Pullens on Monday with LACESMA. Open forum to take concerns to bring to him. Julie has a concern to get more support from the Arts Education Branch for the Instructional Festivals. Dan Taguchi said there is concern from high school teachers that Common Core requirements are making it so students cannot take music classes. Is the per pupil funding for the arts going to happen in the future? Will there be professional development days like there used to be? The Superintendent says there are no PDs during the day when a sub is needed. Julie recommended something after school. Badging, which is giving A-G Requirement credit for arts from an uncredentialed teacher. Question about the directory of music teachers in the district. Are there any RIFs happening? Questions about the difficulty of taking groups on festival trips. Questions about reinstating the honor ensembles.
- V. Elections**
 - A. An email was sent out that describes the job responsibilities.
- VI. Activities**
 1. Stuart Rupp Scholarship for Seniors due by March 23.
 2. Scholarship Auditions are May 9 and the application is due by April 28.
- VII. District Updates**
 - A. Let's Celebrate Festivals are happening. It's not about competition but sharing music with other students. Each group will play 1 mass ensemble piece.
 - B. Instructional festivals are happening. Some are full and some still have openings like at the choral festivals at Palms MS and Cortines HS. Dan Taguchi is doing a mariachi festival and has 4 groups so far.
- VIII. New Business**



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- A. Robert Eisenhart asked if LASMTA would be a good group to keep a list of private music teachers, their specialty and review from LASMTA members. Desiree has volunteered to start to compile a list.
- B. Robert Eisenhart wants to provide better access for students to get into the CASMEC honor groups. The private music teacher list could be used to help with this. If there were a grant to pay for a 3 semester program for students to take lessons and have their transportation paid for to go to the honor group. Would this be something to be overseen by LASMTA or the school district. Julie West stated that this might be something better overseen by the district.
- C. There was a discussion on how to pay coaches.
- D. Mark Warmhoff talked about the Green Leaf Academy at his school, Lawrence Middle School in Chatsworth during summer. He has band classes that he is teaching. He wants to send a flier to elementary and middle school teachers. The recommendation was to ask Chris Rodriguez.

Next Meeting

April 13 at Lieghty MS

May TBA at Grammy Foundation in Santa Monica

Adjournment : The Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 by Dan Taguchi and seconded by Juan Rodriguez.
All approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott