



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: September 16, 2015

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

Cortines High School

- I. Called to Order** by Desiree Fowler at 6:19 pm.
- II. Attendance:** Desiree Fowler, Juan Rodriguez, Tina Curtis, Clemente Sanchez, Brian Blanchard, Julie West, Johnathan Hass, Erica Clewett, Dan Taguchi, James Rozsa, Diana McConnell, Jose Medina, Deiny Canal, Linda Escobar, Mark Johnsen, Marc Manriquez, Katherine Shaw, Michael Turner, Dan Gruber, Steve McCarthy
- III. Reports**
- A. Approval of the Minutes from May
 - 1. Motion to accept made by Julie West and seconded by Juan Rodriguez. All approved.
 - B. Secretary's Report
 - 1. The minutes were taken by Desiree Fowler and typed by Jennifer Elliott. Juan Rodriguez is the new secretary. Notified membership of September meeting. Updated membership list includes 22 total members for the new school year.
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Dan Taguchi presented that the balance is currently \$11,425.39.
 - D. Vice President's Report
 - 1. Jennifer out on Maternity leave. Report given by Dan Taguchi. Mentor Mentee program introduced. Opportunity to connect professionally. Age is not a factor for either role.
 - E. President's Report
 - 1. Desiree gave details on what LASMTA does.
 - 2. H.S Grammy Camp and Grammy School Application.
 - 3. H.S Oct Young Arts
 - 4. Holland's Opus Nov 3
 - 5. Oct 10th Little kids Rock
 - 6. Student opportunities to join Honor Groups. Small LAUSD presence the last few years. Let's try to increase it.
 - 7. SCSBOA conference is at the end of January
 - 8. H.S Oct 17th Guitar Symposium
 - 9. H.S Spotlight Awards
- IV. District Updates**
- Steve McCarthy
 - District is working to set up conference/professional development for individual teachers.
 - AEI (Arts Equity Index) Survey Principal Results. The results of this survey affect the distribution/equity of fund allocation. Allocation to be released in October based on enrollment and number result on survey. It is for the all arts, supplies, equipment, whatever the need.
 - 3 new specialists hired in the office to help better serve secondary. Specifics to be sent out later.
 - Dates to Keep in Mind- District Wide Festival March 12th and April 23rd. District may be broken into the separate dates.



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V. New Business

- A. Introduction to and walkthrough of the LASMTA website and it's available features.
- B. Festivals and Scholarships offered through LASMTA throughout the school year.
 - a. Dates to be Announced

VI. Best Practices

- A. Desiree Fowler presented on motivational teambuilding activities she uses in her classroom to promote community amongst her students. Prepared a handout and distributed to the membership. Walked us through a few examples.

VII. Old Business

No Items

VIII. Next Meeting

- FROST M.S. on October 13, 6-8pm

VIV. Adjournment

- Julie moved to adjourn. James Rozsa seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Juan Rodriguez