



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: November 9, 2015

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

Palms Middle School

I. Called to Order by Desiree Fowler at 6:12 pm.

II. Attendance: Desiree Fowler, Jennifer Elliot, Juan Rodriguez, Julie West, Yosuke Miyoshi, Tina Curtis, Johnathan Hass, John Asti, David Lee, Bill Barrett, Arwen Hernandez, George Carganilla, David Sears, Kathrine Shaw, Julio Sequia, Wendy Reyes, Rachel Lee, Clemente Sanchez, Monica Chi, Jaime Lownes

III. Reports

A. Approval of the Minutes from October

1. Motion to accept made by John Haas and seconded by David Lee. All approved.

B. Secretary's Report

1. The minutes were taken and typed by Juan Rodriguez. Notified membership of November meeting. Updated membership list includes 34 total members.

C. Treasurer's Report

1. Dan Taguchi out sick. Last month he presented that the balance was \$11,625.39. We will update the minutes to include an updated total upon his return. Update on 11/11/15: the balance is \$11,810.56

D. Vice President's Report

1. Jennifer is back from maternity leave. First meeting back. No official report.

E. President's Report

1. Survey
 - i. 42 people took it. More membership and activity from more teachers throughout the city.
2. PD on the 26th.
 - i. Information from Rory Pullens:
 - a. This month we have \$1,000,000 allocated for arts support. In addition to Title 1 monies.
3. AE budget increased by 6.1 million this year, 8 million next year, 11 million the following year.
4. SCSBOA
 - i. Scholarship info
 - ii. Conference info
5. LA TIMES Article giving school grades in the arts.
 - i. All 4 disciplines needed to get an A.
 - ii. Rory Pullens sent out an email in response to the article.
6. Mentor Mentee Program
 - i. Winter Break great opportunity for meetings with colleagues.
7. Meeting with Rory Pullens
 - i. Most Points brought up at the October meeting were discussed. Meeting was shared with the elementary group.
 - ii. Elementary concerned with Adrian Stewart and small music background.
 - iii. Explanation of the new AEB. A flow chart was sent out. Who does what for us and whom do we go to is still not quite clear.
 - iv. Communication between the district and the teachers. How can we find out when activities will take place.
 - v. PD being last min making it difficult for more teachers to attend.



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- vi. Benefit Concerts are great for the AEB but the instructional festivals are more beneficial to all involved.

IV. Old Business

- A. No Items

V. New Business

- A. Chris Rodriguez
 - 1. Digital platforms are approaching the District to try to build relationships with the schools and the district.
 - 2. General Job Duties
 - i. Responsible for 107 teachers, 97 elementary, 10 Secondary. Trying to support the opening of each school year. 20,000 Elementary instruments in the books, 11,000 can only be accounted for.
 - ii. PD in October was met with positive opinions and comments for those in attendance.
 - iii. Instructional Festivals, trying to push for more of them.
 - 3. Funding
 - i. Principal is the chief of the distribution of funds at the school sites.

VI. Best Practices:

- A. John Haas
 - 1. MIDI, introduction to MIDI and how it can be used to make popular music accessible to students using notation software such as Finale, Garage Band.
- B. Julie West
 - 1. Non-Fiction writing prompts for music. "It's so common core".
 - 2. Vocabulary tests based on sheet music.
- C. George Carganilla
 - 1. Rhythm Trainer

VII. Next Meeting

- A. John Leichty M.S. on January 21st, 6-8pm

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Julie moved to adjourn. Yosuke seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Juan Rodriguez