



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: October 26, 2016

Official Meeting Time: 4:30-6:30 pm

Le Conte Middle School

I. Called to Order by Julie West at 4:13pm.

II. Attendance: Julie West, Dan Taguchi, Juan Rodriguez, Jennifer Elliot, Laurelyn Karagianis, Helen Kang, Daniel Gruber, Stewart Rosen, Johnathan Hass, Adam Roberts, Mark Johnsen, Lara Jacques, Dave Tautkas, Jim Lownes, Clinton Johnson, David Zavala, Jose Fausto, Diana McConnell, David Lee, Rachel Lee, James Rozsa, Clemente Sanchez, Suyeon Kim, Ted Masur, Wendy Sequeira, Julio Sequeira, Karen Lopez, Steven McCarthy

III. Reports

- A. Approval of the Minutes from September
 - 1. Motion to accept made by Dan Gruber and seconded by David Lee. All approved.
- B. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Dan Taguchi presented that the total balance was \$10,330.11 in October.
- C. Secretary's Report
 - 1. The minutes were taken and typed by Juan Rodriguez.
 - 2. Notified membership of October meeting via email.
 - 3. Updated membership list includes 24 total members.
- D. Vice President's Report
 - 1. Mentor Mentee, forms are present.
 - 2. Means to connect with other teachers.
 - 3. Great way to seek assistance.
- E. President's Report
 - 1. Julie is going to be acting president for the year. Desiree is working on PHD programs and is pursuing furthering her education.

IV. Business

- A. Meeting with AEB
 - 1. Issues discussed:
 - i. Support for Instructional Festivals
 - a. Judges Fees will be paid by AEB
 - b. No longer will festivals require fees.
 - c. Schools are responsible for transportation.
 - ii. Honor Groups
 - a. Not able to happen at the moment but the importance and benefit of the festivals was discussed and impressed upon.
- B. LASMTA Student Opportunities
 - 1. Scholarships
 - i. Stewart Rupp-Scholarship opportunity for high school students going to college as music majors. Usually in January/February
 - ii. Scholarships for Private Lessons-Audition based, award is to be used for private lessons. Usually in May
 - iii. Solo and Ensemble Festival-Solos, Duets, Trios or larger self directed ensemble that will play for a judge for a rating. There is an entry fee for this event. Date and location TBA.

V. AEB Guest Visit: Steven McCarthy

- A. What does the AEB do
 - 1. Oversee the elementary itinerant program 258 teachers.
 - 2. Support placing teachers into schools without existing arts programs. This allows for principal accountability, as AEB does not run programs in the school, principals do.
 - 3. Oversee Approvals for Arts Curriculum in the District.
 - i. Adrian Stewart Music Specialist



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4. Communicates with all music teachers.
5. Provides Support when there are conflicts at the school site.
6. Oversees instrumental Repair Shop.
7. Provides money in school IMA.
8. Going to start working on vertical alignments from elementary-high school programs.
9. A-G Requirements continue to lessen the importance of the Arts. AEB is insuring equity for arts programs.

VI. Best Practice

- A. Jonathan Hass
 1. Passing Down the Knowledge
- B. Recap of the District provided PD

VII. Next Meeting

- A. Tuesday, November 15th at Frost M.S. in Granada Hills.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Clinton moved to adjourn. Mark seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Juan Rodriguez