



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: April 24, 2017

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

Byrd Middle School

I. Meeting called to order at 6:21pm by Julie West.

II. Attendance:

III. Reports

- a. Approval of March Minutes
 - i. Motion to accept as amended made by Julie West. All approved.
- b. Secretary's Report
 - i. Juan notified the members of the meeting by email.
- c. Treasurer's Report
 - i. The total balance as of April 24, 2017 is \$11,651.79.
- d. Vice President's Report
 - i. No items
- e. President's Report
 - i. Voting in the election ends today and Julie West will accept ballots tonight.

IV. Old Business

- a. Election- closes today – announced at 5/31 meeting
- b. LASMTA event updates:
 - i. **Solo & Ensemble Festival** results. There were 105 entries, mainly woodwind and brass. This was the highest number of entries thus far. We thank Greg Robinson for hosting.
 - ii. **Rupp Scholarship** – The winner will be announced at 5/31 meeting. A committee will meet and choose the winner.
 - iii. **Private Lessons Scholarship** Auditions-Venice H.S. Sat., May 6 – The schedule will be out next week. The deadline has been extended until today.
- c. **LAUSD:Instructional Festivals**
 - i. Julie West is hosting a festival this Friday. Steve Burch is hosting one that has a waiting list.
 - ii. It looks like 5 schools are using money from the district to host festivals.
 - iii. Mark Johnsen, Julie West and Monica Chi will be meeting with Rory Pullens after the festivals to review how the festivals went this year. They will be talking to everyone who hosted festivals to get feedback.
 - iv. Risk management – To host a festival you must go through risk management. You need vendor numbers for everyone involved. One around it to get pizza is it to be delivered to the curb. There was a discussion of the difficulties dealing with risk management.
 - v. Yolie Gardea met with Dr. Francis Gipson because she was concerned with the quality of music programs out there and that there is no help for teachers. Steven McCarthy and Rory Pullen were invited as well. Yolie said, "Do English teachers beg for help with assessment?" Music teachers should be required to attend festivals with help from their administration and the AEB.
 - vi. The principal at Palms MS asked if the district should pay for supervision and custodial



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staff at festivals. He wrote a letter to Dr. Francis Gipson for funding for these items and her response was to ask Rory Pullens because he wants to help. There is no response yet.

- vii. Julie West expressed the concern that festivals are meant for groups to be there the entire time to hear other groups perform.

V. Best Practice

- a. George Carganilla presented his practice record and flute embouchure trainers. Have flute players find the spot that gets them the best sound and tune from there. He had hand outs for both. ☺
- b. Brian Blanchard presented French Horn. He had a hand out on embouchure, right hand position, on or off the leg and restringing rotors. ☺

VI. New Business

- a. Steve Burch talked about student scheduling. Next year he will have a commercial music class.

VII. Next meeting: Wed. May 31 at the Grammy Foundation/Recording Academy – Santa Monica. The scholarship winners will perform and the new officers will be announced. There will also be a potluck.

VIII. Adjournment: Dan Gruber moved to adjourn and Mark Johnsen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott.