



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: Monday, November 13, 2017
Official Meeting Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
Robert Frost Middle School

- I. Called to Order** at 6:15 by Mark Johnsen
- II. Introductions** and thank you to host Juan Rodriguez.
- III. Attendance:** Mark Johnsen, Juan Rodriguez, Dan Taguchi, Sid Lasaine, Julie West, Steve Burch, Alex Ramirez, Michelle Middleton, Susan Jones, Dan Gruber, Tony White, Jessikah Orourke. Jessica Jones, Brain McGaffey, George Carganella, Steven McCarthy, Chris Rodriguez, Monica Chi
- IV. Approval of October Minutes**
 - A. Dan Gruber motions, Alex seconds
- V. Reports**
 - A. Secretary's Report
 - i. Juan is a new father.
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Total amount in the account 10,009.46
 - C. Vice President's Report
 - i. Out ill. Mentor Mentee program participants will be contacted to set up partnerships. Sign ups are still available.
 - D. President's Report
 - i. **Solos & Ensemble Festival**-opportunity for small ensembles and solos. Small means non-conducted ensembles. Performers get immediate feedback from adjudicator. Sat., March 17, 2018 at Hamilton H.S. Entries due March 2
 - ii. **Rupp Scholarship** A \$500 for a graduating senior who will be majoring in music in college. Stewart Rupp taught a Revere M.S. for many years and a scholarship was set up in his name by family and friends. Applications will be due April 3.
 - iii. **Private Lessons Scholarships** will be at Venice H.S. TBA. There are two categories – those who have taken lessons and those who only have had school instruction. \$250 scholarships.
- VI. Guest Speakers**
 - A. **Christopher Rodriguez and Steve McCarthy**
 - i. Gratitude for the participation and assistance with the October 24th PD.
 - ii. Instructional Events for the 2017-2018 school year. 6 Instruction Summits will be held this year. District will be paying for securing sites, janitorial service, adjudicators and transportation. AEB would like to pay and use LAUSD teachers to be adjudicators. There will be instrumental and choral summits. AEB will take care of all outreach for the 220 or so secondary programs inviting groups and teachers of all levels and years of experience. AEB will encourage teachers with younger ensembles to participate. Will require teachers to have ensembles listen to at least two other groups. Called a summit mainly because each local district is producing it's own arts festival. Julie West expressed concern with the quality of the adjudicators and the level of the festival. Chris and Steve expressed that all are welcome to participate as adjudicators. Chris and Steve did mention that schools are still welcome to host their own festivals. Brian asked if AEB could support schools choosing to pursue hosting their own festival. Chris' response is the AEB had made



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the secondary directory accessible to all teachers. AEB cannot help with funding due to involvement in the summits however more information and research must be done to determine if promotion can be made. Discussion was had on rate of pay and equity of workload per judge per site. Steve responded by saying that active teachers would be paid there hourly rate. Julie expressed concerns over quality and qualifications or adjudicators as well as how they would be determined. Chris states that he would be happy to speak with anyone interested in hosting their own festival to answer any questions regarding the impact of the summits on AEB support of Instructional festivals. Julie expressed concern about students who are bussed and the impact of the summits on Saturdays.

iii. Dates

1. Valley Summit

- a. Instrumental at Romer MS on April 7th
- b. Choral at TBD on April 12th

2. South and East

- a. Instrumental at ELAPAM on April 14th
- b. Choral at ELAPAM on May 26th

3. Central and West

- a. Instrumental at Washington Prep on April 21st
- b. Choral at Palms MS on April 20th

VII. Best Practices-Tony White

- A. Announcement for the Band and Drill Team Championships on Dec. 2nd at East Los Angeles College.
- B. Two Bands competing at SCSBOA San Pedro HS and Taft HS
- C. Presentation of Plaques to Dan Taguchi and to Julie West
- D. Beyond the Bell Dates
 - i. Vocal Jazz Workshop in Spring Semester
 - ii. April 28th Jazz, Blues and Beyond at Santee HS
 - iii. May 12th Drumline Competition at Kennedy HS
- E. Best Practice Tip
 - i. Music Professions Index. Invite professionals to come into the classrooms to speak to the students about possibilities beyond music in the schools.

VIII. New Business

- A. Don Doyle passed away.

IX. Next Meeting

- A. **Thurs. Jan. 18th @ Palms**
- B. **Wed. Feb. 21st @ TBA**

- X. **Adjournment** motion by Dan and seconded by Steve at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Juan Rodriguez