



LOS ANGELES SECONDARY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 34666 Los Angeles, CA 90034-9998

LASMTA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Official Meeting Time: 6:00-7:30 pm
Meeting ID: 810 4193 7974

- I. Called to Order** at 6:05 PM
- II. Introductions**
- III. Attendance:** Juan Rodriguez, Andres Villanueva, Amy Lui, David Lee, Mark Johnsen, Julie West, Ashlie Neilsen, Jose Fausto, Erica Clewett, Daniel Gruber, Brian McGaffey, Scott Peters, Louis Rabaso, Greg Robinson, Lori Musicant Kozubeck, Jessica Jones, Clemente Sanchez, Bladimir Castro, Alex Waggoner, Aaron Karp, Cameron Yassaman, Scott Martin, Sergeant Carganilla, Tim Suits, Fernando Marenco, Kelly Anthony, Tina Curtis, Jonathan Cruz, Leticia Callela Austin, Greg Robinson, Jim Lownes, Michael Turner

IV. Approval of October 2021 Minutes

- A. Ashlie Neilson motions to approve at 6:23 PM, Dan Gruber seconds

V. Reports

- A. Vice President’s Report
 - i. Mentor/mentee - no new ones have signed up; Andres will be getting in contact soon
- B. Secretary’s Report
 - i. Will be following up on membership accounts during the winter break
 - ii. Registration needed on website to create a login in order to access certain members-only pages such as member directory

C. Treasurer’s Report

Checking Account Balance	<i>as of October 1, 2021</i>	2,222.28
PayPal Balance	<i>as of October 1, 2021</i>	1856.26
INCOME	<i>Memberships + Donations</i>	825.4
EXPENSE	<i>Website Reimbursement</i>	-528
CA + PayPal Balance	<i>as of November 30, 2021</i>	4,375.94
Petty Cash Balance	<i>as of November 30, 2021</i>	20
CD Balance	<i>as of November 30, 2021</i>	7,248.11
Total Balance	<i>as of November 30, 2021</i>	11,644.05

- i.
- ii. Members check if membership payment is recurring by messaging David Lee directly
- iii. Julie West motions to approve at 6:28 PM, Dan Gruber seconds
- D. UTLA Liaison**
 - i. UTLA Music Standing Committee

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1. **Called to Order Call to order 6:50 PM**
2. **Reports**
 - a. UTLA Standing Committee Chair Report
 - i. Our meetings are now official - but still need to have at least a certain number of meetings to stay official, will have a sign-in sheet for every meeting
 - ii. Goals for 2021 - 2022
 1. Make group officially represented by UTLA
 2. Housekeeping
 - a. Nominations for secretary and treasurer for next meeting
 3. Create a bargaining platform
3. **Musician PPE Summary**

Musician PPE Summary

LASMTA President and UTLA Liaison met with

Dept of Emergency Services, Dept. of Health and Safety, AEB, Allison Towery and more.

here's how it's going

-Musicians Masks are approved by LA County of Dept of Health and NOW finally by LAUSD!

- Memo was sent out a couple of weeks ago.
- District has been sending out, vocal masks, bell covers, and now musician masks, but! Many of us received inadequate quantities. AEB has a recommended remedy that our Vice President of Secondary Schools would like us to try.
- Looking like masks do not need to be worn outdoors if a certain percentage of students are vaccinated. More information to be disseminated at the UTLA Area Meetings tomorrow.
- We need to have a follow up conversation for concerts in regard to flexibility

Background Info Reminder: We sought to pursue this for the teachers who have admin that do not know or care to support the arts, every music program should have PPE regardless of admin discretion.

- a.
- b. Collecting of documents for inadequate quantities and incorrect masks received - some schools received choral masks but don't have a choral program, only french horn masks
 - i. Juan will be getting contact for who to contact to rectify these issues (Allison Towery)
4. **Other**
 - a. Recommended - attend UTLA area meeting tomorrow
 - b. Concerts - will have follow-up conversations on how to hold them in the future
 - c. Most recent VAPA guidelines (November 2021) - that students would be able to play instruments inside with approved PPE
5. **Questions/comments/concerns**
 - a. Jessica Jones - received bell covers and singing masks; need ETA or tracking on band masks because need to bring students back inside
 - i. Ashlie - reason for delay is because



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musician/instrumental masks were only recently approved by LA Dept of Public Health; choral and bell covers were approved already by LADPH.

- b. Leticia Callela Austin - still haven't gotten vocal masks and have been having class outdoors; willing to go to social media and gathering student families to complain on social media
 - i. Juan - some colleagues that received vocal masks but don't need it are willing to share; can contact Jessica Jones at Palms MS, Scott Peters at Portola MS
- c. Cameron Yassaman - need to revisit restrictions placed on band, need to factor in what the rest of the district is placing for other entities like sports
 - i. Ashlie - lots of flexibility in the newest guidelines; ex "Bell covers are recommended" but not required
- d. David Lee - we should be able to go to our local district instead of Downtown/Beaudry for these concerns
- e. David Lee - will be putting together a Google Doc of distribution list on who has extra masks given to them and can send to colleagues
- f. Dan Gruber - got package of PPE but packing slip is completely different from what was actually received; 70 large vocal masks and 70 medium vocal masks but only got 11 of each; this system needs to have more accountability
- g. Dan Gruber - school sports groups have been indoors without mask but band has not been allowed to do the same; no equity between the arts and sports
- h. Starting a task force to talk about what to include in the contract, bargaining

6. Committee meeting adjourned - motioned by Dan Gruber at 7:33 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Lui

VI. Guest Speaker

- A. Aaron Karp from Snap! Raise
 - i. Online donation platform, don't need to purchase anything
 - ii. Frost MS was able to fund at least \$74,000
 - iii. Schools would be able to keep 80% of the donations
 - iv. Contact - aaron@snap-raise.com, (818) 445 - 6187, <https://meetings.hubspot.com/aaron434>

VII. New Business



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- A.** Solo & Ensemble Festival
 - i. Date has been changed - will be discussed next meeting
- VIII.** **Next Meeting**
 - A.** Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- IX.** **Adjournment** Meeting adjourned motioned by Julie West at 7:40 PM and seconded by Dan Gruber

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Lui