



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

LASMTA MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021

Official Meeting Time: 5:00-6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 810 4193 7974

- I. Called to Order** at 5:02 PM
- II. Introductions**
- III. Attendance:** Juan Rodriguez, Andres Villanueva, Amy Lui, Mark Johnsen, Julie West, Ashlie Neilsen, Kelly Anthony, Michael Turner, Cameron Yassaman, Jonathan Cruz, Erica Clewett, Daniel Gruber, Jessica Jones, Tina Curtis, Jennifer Tu, Louis Rabaso, Christopher Rodriguez, Jeffrey Zeh, Sophia Lee, Ruben Garcia, Jonathan Hinckley, Darnella Davidson, Gaby Rincon, Carlos Kuhlmann, Lori Musicant, Scott Martin, Christopher Maurer, Michele Middleton, James Rozsa, Sarah Martin, Robin Sharp, Anthony White, Pamela Woodlief, Leroy Lubin, David Sears, Daniel Lopez, Donny Sierer, Jose Fausto, Timothy Suits, Clemente Sanchez, Christopher Nicholas, Monica Chi, Leticia Callela-Austin
- IV. Approval of May 2021 Minutes**
 - A. Tina Curtis motions to approve at 5:15 PM, Dan Gruber seconds
- V. Reports-Officer Introductions**
 - A. President's Report
 - B. Vice President's Report - none
 - C. Secretary's Report - none
 - D. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Announced by Juan Rodriguez
 1. Rupp Scholarship check has been cashed
 2. 3 of the lesson scholarships have been cashed - David Lee will follow up with the remaining lesson winners
 - E. UTLA Liason-PPE
- VI. Special Guest Speaker**
 - A. Anthony White
 - i. Administrative coordinator at BTB music entertainment
 - ii. Working with Yamaha advocacy group (largest music advocacy group in the state) on getting more clarity of what we can do safely, clarifying for administrators
 - iii. All City Band - this week as first week of rehearsal, auditions were 2 weeks ago
 - iv. Role - to reach out with administrators, school board and educate them with music advocacy efforts
 - v. HS marching band directors meeting next Wed at 5:30 PM (will include details on MISIS roster issues, program rosters, traveling)
 - vi. Darnella Davidson - need to bring hand sanitizers/wipes, no lunch will be provided, kids will need daily pass and bring own binders
 - vii. Students need to bring own instruments (El Sereno MS does not have a



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- music teacher to open up the music room)
- viii. Jon Batiste - played with All City alumni
- ix. Eastman company will continue to make reeds and reached out if we need 5 pallets of reeds - will see how to distribute to teachers (secondary teachers will be priority, but will not include any bari sax reeds)
- x. Michael Turner: Kay's Music Scene (off Tampa and Victory - 19369 Victory Blvd, Reseda, CA 91335) is closing - things are selling for half off, store will close Oct 16
- xi. Johnny Thompson passed away - Nick Rail reached out if we can use 30 alto saxes, need to reach out to Mr White to request

VII. New Business

A. New Website

i. Tour by Amy Lui

- 1. Application form is on the bottom of the membership type page - will need to fill form then add to cart to proceed to payment
- 2. Request to add join/renew button on the top menu option

B. Membership Application and Payment

C. Music Making During the 2021-2022 Academic Year

i. UTLA Liason-PPE update from Ashlie Neilson

1. PPE order and guidelines

- a. Jill Barnes, Carlos Torres, Chris Rodriguez, Steven McCarthy, etc from the district
- b. Confusion in Sept when restrictive guidelines were put out - called to meeting where PPE has not been cancelled

i. Per Chris Rodriguez - PPE is starting to get sent out to schools, vocal masks are approved, bell covers approved by county and district, musician masks are NOT yet approved by county (COVID guidelines are constantly changing) - being sorted out in the warehouse

ii. Messaged by AEB - didn't really write the guidelines, we got apology from health and safety for sentence of masks with slits not working

iii. Goal: to minimize and do what we can, have music advocacy be spoken whenever there are decisions being made

iv. Email Ashlie at ashlieneilson.utla@gmail.com

2. UTLA music goals for this school year

- a. 1) make our group officially represented by UTLA
- b. 2) Bargaining - especially since contract with district is expiring



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c. 3) Masking - to keep updating and revising according to the tightening/loosening of guidelines

3. Questions

a. Alex Waggoner - if we have PPE, do we still have to play outside?

i. Juan - yes, still need to play outside; credential is on the line if guidelines still recommends playing be outdoors

b. Leticia Callela-Austin - need recommendation that some students on the spectrum unable to wear mask (exempt)

c. Performances - can they be indoors?

i. Juan - will be having it outdoors and livestreamed rather than another completely virtual individually recorded and edited videos

d. Livestreaming from the classroom

i. Ashlie - only need to do up to 50% of the class time, district in violation for having livestream without discussing with UTLA, we are not mandated to use the Poly cam gear from the district

D. Guidelines for VAPA

E. AEB Money

i. Supplemental Money-LCAFF

1. AEB funding is available at school sites now under funding code 10423

2. Not recommended to purchase PPE with that money (use ESSR and LCAFF)

ii. Talk to your principals

iii. P-Cards

F. Secondary Arts Professional Development

i. Saturday, Nov 6, 2021 9 am-12 pm

G. Instrument Repair

H. Instructional Summits

i. Will allow the district to showcase that music education is active

ii. Some funding may be provided for those who participate

I. Solo & Ensemble Festival-March 2022

i. Rupp and private lessons scholarships will still continue this school year

ii. Brian - only March 5th would work or April 2nd @ Hamilton High

1. Juan - booking April 2nd

VIII. Next Meeting

A. Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:00 - 7:30 PM



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- B.** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- IX. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM motioned by Sarah Martin and seconded by Daniel Gruber

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Lui