

# La Cueva High School Choral Boosters

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday Feb 17th 2026 6pm @ LCHS

**In attendance - Katherine Green, Allison Stevens, Tammy Brown, Colleen Ramnath, Jo Anderson, Emilie Szenasi, Natalie Eames, Heather Newsome, Lori Sisson, Karina Bell, Monish Ramnath**

- Call to Order :
  - Approve previous Board Meeting minutes Jan 16th 2025
  - Motion: Tammy
  - Second: Leah
  - Discussion: All
  - Vote: All
- Director's Report - **Katherine Green**
  - Thank you for an amazing intensive weekend for Underground!
  - Treble and Concert choirs are locked in and doing amazing.
  - Working on program for concert

Calendar- See print out or this [link to calendar](#)

### Events-

- ShowFEST - Feb 27 (7pm) & 28 (3pm) with EMS/CMS (\$10 tickets for adults, \$5 for student <18). Booster/Volunteers can dress up in rugby shirts, wide leg jeans, overalls, etc. Booster should be arriving at 5pm to set up. Need snacks/drinks/water for EMS.
  - Choir Pre-Festival Concert with DRMS March 3rd 7pm - donations
  - District MPA VVHS March 17 - need chaperones x2 for treble, x3 for mixed
  - SWACDA ABQ - Thank you Natalie for chaperoning! March 4-7
  - Underground - California - Burbank Blast March 6-7
  - Underground/SS - Arizona - Valley Vista Monsoon Madness March 13th-15th
  - Concert Choir - Worldstrides Festival Concert Choir Trip San Antonio Mar. 19-22
  - ShowFEST ENCORE - March 24 (can we switch to March 23?)
  - Robed choirs retreat April 7th. Need to figure out logistics, snacks, etc.
  - Robed choirs will perform at band/orchestra concert April 9th
  - State Choir Contest CHS April 14 & 15 - need chaperones and possibly food
- President's Report - **Allison Stevens**
    - NMMEA All-State Honor Choirs at UNM Popejoy Hall was AMAZING!! Congratulations to the LA Cueva Students that participated
    - Thank you for a Great Jan/Feb Choreo weekends!
    - Sponsorship T-shirts & Tech T-shirts are available.
    - Ordering Competition shirts for CA, AZ. Natalie ordered for TX
    - Thank you Karina, Tammy, Natalie and Katherine for working on the trip logistics!
    - Need to advertise for Show FEST Feb 27th/28th. Katherine sent draft of poster and talking with kids for feedback. Can we print poster size, flyers (x3-5)

- Choir website updated, looks good!!! Can get updated tech crew pic at Showfest. Provide feedback! Need to pay Skye-she will send invoice.

- **Robed Choir - Natalie Eames**

- March 3 - Spring Pre-MPA Robed Choir Concert with DRMS at 7pm
  - TEXAS ParentTrip Meeting after the concert.
    - Would like Ann to talk since she is the parent contact/chaperone coordinator.
  - Would like for someone to record concert
  - Is someone available to sell bearware: 6:30-7pm
  - Jamie Jones making program which will include QR code
- **March 4-7 - SWACDA Conference at ABQ Convention Center (3 students selected!)**
  - Wed 2-7:30pm, Th/F 8:30am-6:30pm, Sat 9am-1:30pm
  - Natalie is chaperoning
  - The concert starts at 11am, hopefully it's livestreamed so Underground can watch from CA.
- MPA 3/17/26
  - VVHS
  - Need to get buses arranged and then will determine when everyone goes/comes back.
  - Will need food depending on bus options
- Texas Concert Choir Trip Mar. 19-22
  - Itinerary is finalized
  - Shirt design is in the works. Tammy wants to write a check, Natalie forwarded the completed invoice. \$608.50.
  - Parent Meeting March 3rd (after concert)
  - Total cost \$775
  - Number of students going and paid? **ALL PAID**
    - 37 students + 4 adults
  - Final payment made to World Strides
  - Six Flags tickets and meal vouchers have been purchased
    - Parents who got the group rate and are not chaperones need to pay boosters!
  - Chaperones-Ann Aragon, Holly & Joel Johnson

- **Treble Choir - Lori Sisson / Heather Newsome**

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- **Tech Crew - Monish Ramnath / Dan Szenasi**

- Backdrop
  - Sapphire Sound: Post and banner complete. Kenna has been working on getting extra PVC pipes to post in the middle so it won't sag. Banner is heavy, need to problem solve.
  - Underground: panels are built that rotate, imagery on panels, Added 3D effects. Have some practice to do this Thursday.
- Lightening: Challenges this weekend-LED lights went out. Mark ordered more. Having Seth here this Thursday will be helpful to problem solve this.
- Sound:Boys will be here and in charge of sound for Showfest. If not Kenna and Michael will be here. Need AAA batteries for headlamps.
- Tech students: Kenna, Micheal - going to CA. Seth, Andrew, Graham (maybe Kenna?) will go to AZ. Abby Proctor's dad (Jake) will be joining for both trips, Russ Thompson as well.

- Have dimensions of trailer, will work on packing that. Where will we park trailers in CA? Can we park the trailer with the bus Thursday, Saturday, Sunday (x3 nights). Karina will inquire about possibilities.
- Black boxes: will try to put on bus for CA, may see if we can put them in the back of someone's truck for AZ.
- Sandbags for \$40/\$45, if Amazon purchase Leah can help.

- **Treasurer's Report - Tammy Brown**

- Updates:
  - **Booster Fees:** 80% of CC have paid something (maybe not full amount); 65% of TC have paid something
  - **Trip Fees**  
Missing 9 out of 35 student CA trip  
Missing 20 out of 58 Students for AZ trip  
TX all students paid
  - **Chocolate Sales**  
Need all chocolate money by 3/2/26. Must pay World's Finest Chocolate ASAP. How many unopened boxes?  
Some students have not turned in any \$ - 4 for Und, 5 for SS, 6 for CC (did any tech kids get a box? I have no money from any tech kid)  
So far, earned ~\$2451 in chocolate sales
    - Can sell remaining chocolates at Showfest

- **Secretary's Report - Emilie Szenasi**

- Choir website updated by Skye

- **Fundraising - Marielena Quinlan**

- Trip costs
  - Starr Brothers was  $387.53 + 225 = 612.53$
  - Candy bars: ordered 300 boxes and got them \$38.50/box. Receiving 150 boxes Katherine signed them out. Only 35 boxes left. Good to continue to sell them through Valentines day and at Show FEST? Can return any unopened boxes with an invoice due in 90 days.
  - Sell the remaining boxes at Show FEST - Cash only
- Show Choir
  - SIDI Performance: \$4,250
  - Fall FEST \$5.00 tickets - 23rd, 24th, 25th (\$3,800), \$100 bear ware, \$55 towards TX trip
  - Chello - Tuesday Nov 25th, only made \$60
  - North Star ES Luminaria Night - Dec 11th 6-7 (\$60.68)
  - **Show FEST & ENCORE (Tuesday 3/24) - Budget Income \$5,500 - Giving EMS  $\frac{1}{3}$  of ticket sales on Friday; What should we give Cleveland for Saturday (\$300) Make sure Clevelands director informs families of ticket prices.**
    - **ENCORE: EMS wants to be part of this (donate  $\frac{1}{3}$  of prices)**
  - Other fundraisers? Set another night out Bubba's? (Income met with La Reforma (\$226), Tin Can Alley (\$438), Chello (\$61), and Band Craft Fair (\$345) = \$1070)

- All Choir
  - Winter Concert & Silent Auction Dec 5th - Concert Donations budget \$3850 - made \$2290 in ticket sales (This budget of \$3850 includes POPS Concert ticket sales); Silent Auction budget \$1500 - made \$1793
  - **Barnes & Noble - need to get a date - budget \$2,500 - Can we do it in April??**
  - Schedule a night out? **Still need \$750 for budget (\$250 for restaurant nights out and \$500 for Band Craft Fair)**
  - POP Concert - \$5 a ticket , prepare to bring in extra chairs
  - Other fundraising ideas: another dine out, Doublegood popcorn (app based)..
- Grants - NM Arts, Pepsi others??
  - Need volunteer to complete and submit
  - Pepsi needs to be APS employee
  - Can ask Kelly Hester for an example of what she did in prior years, she's happy to walk someone through the process.
- Events - **Karina Bell**
  - Arizona Show Choir Trip (Sapphire Sound and Underground)
    - Bus is Booked, Hotel - Best Western Plus Surprise-Phoenix NW
    - Have contract and parent block reserved (Friday night/ Sat night)
    - Want 4 chaperones: 1 male (Monish), 3 female (Allison, Lori, Courtney).
    - Micheal - drive and Maya - drive then fly home?
    - Have a couple of extra kids will ride in the Van with Tammy
    - Albert Madrid is driving the set for both trips.
    - Arranging food/snacks pick up
  - California Show Choir Trip (Underground)
    - Bus is Booked, Hotel - Hilton Garden Inn Burbank
    - Knottsberry Farm is the choice (students, chaperones and Katherine covered). Anyone interested for Knotts let Amor know and pay.
    - Have contract and parent block reserved (Thursday night thru Sunday night)
    - Chaperone expectations : 4 total (1 male: Russ Thompson, 3 females: Karina, Tiffaney, Allison)
    - Contacted hotel w/ trailer dimensions
    - Arranging food/snacks pick up
- Volunteers - **Leah Hertenstein**
  - Sign up for CA, AZ, TX trip for snack and drinks
  - Ewen leaving for college tour 3/24 may have to miss Encore. Katherine will check with EMS and PAC to see if date can move to 3/23.
  - Costumes looking fabulous!! Adding shimmer and shine.
  - A nice group of parents have really stepped up: Lisa, Nicole Wall and Leah Wall's grandmom, Mine Nelson, Mama Jo, Aileen Mardall, Amor.
- Underground Choir Representatives - **Colleen Ramnath, Jo Anderson**
  - Do we need to do anything for Showfest?
  - If food is needed, can make Signup genius
  - snacks/water for EMS?
- Sapphire Sound - **Heather Newsome / Lori Sisson**
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- Costumes - **Leah Hertenstein**
  - Student Costume committee - needs to meet a couple of times to finalize some pieces
- New Business
  - Next Booster meeting - April 21st
  - POPs concert - May 8th
  - Senior solo- May 9th
  - Banquet- May 12th
- Dismissal
  - Motion: Lori
  - Second: Leah
  - Vote: All