

La Cueva High School Choral Boosters

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday Sept 9th, 2025 6:00pm @ LCHS

In attendance - Katherine Green, Allison Stevens, Tammy Brown, Colleen Ramnath, Jo Anderson, Marielena Quinlan, Emilie Szenasi, Natalie Eames, Lori Sisson, Karina Bell

- Call to Order
- Approve previous Board Meeting minutes Aug
 - Motion -Lori
 - Second - Jo
 - Discussion - none
 - Vote- approved
- Director's Report - **Katherine Green**

Fall Choir Retreat

Thank you Natalie, Anne, Lori, Heather, Allison, Courtney, Holly for helping at the Fall Retreat! Food was delicious and the games were amazing! Bonding parties were super fun!

Thank you Brandon for photographing our groups! Hope to sell group photos at our concert? Going to #NMYearoftheArts some of them:) Took pictures and put on the website.

Thank you Olga & Jamie Flora, Paula Swalin, and Julianna LoBiondo for being our clinicians! Clinicians have been paid.

Thank you Tammy for the Direct Donation Drive Information! Please share the link out:)

Concert Instagram - create post and tag high school. - need link to paypal for facebook and Instagram

Upcoming Events:

Choreo this week!

September 20th Buddy Walk at NM Expo - Treble Choir/SS Perform 5:30pm - Need one volunteer
Homecoming Sept. 25th 7pm at Wilson Stadium

SIDI - Wednesdays in October

Solo & Ensemble Festival - October 4th 8am-4pm - Setup and Teardown an hour before and after

Competitions-

- Underground/SS - Arizona - Boulder Creek February 22 - no word from comp
- Underground - California - Burbank Blast March 6-7 - no word from comp
- Concert Choir - Worldstrides Festival Concert Choir Trip San Antonio Mar. 19-22
 - Deposit made \$1500

- President's Report - **Allison Stevens**
 - Thank you Tammy for putting together the Direct Donation Drive for concert choir and the payment plans for all choir families for the parent meeting.
 - Sept Show Choir Choreo weekend - do we need to set up costume or backdrop committee meetings?
 - Costumes and backdrop need a time from Katrina and Susia
 - October 25- *Sing It! Dance It!*

- Oct - Sing it Dance it Camp - "MONSTER BASH" - Need 5 parents to be available for check-in and check-out.
 - SIDI Sign up google doc is done \$125/student, Website is updated for Fall SIDI with link to sign up. Students created Flyer, Posters printed - need to take to Middle and Elementary Schools,
 - Decorations needed for Kids camp?
 - Need Logo for Camp T-shirts so we can get them ordered
 - **October 1,8,15,22** - *Sing It! Dance It!* Show Choir Kids Camp 4:00pm-6pm
 - **October 25**- *Sing It! Dance It!* Show Choir Kids Camp 12-2pm, Performance after camp
- Sent Volunteer APS requirements and link to sign up to Include more parents. Get list of volunteers from Leah.
- Google acceptance form - still need 3 Sapphire Sound, 9 Treble, 13 Concert Choir parent contacts to get Booster Board emails. Will get with Katherine
- Sent email to parents with a Sponsorship Letter and Donation Letter. Sponsorships are due Oct 10th
- Need to close the Booster CANVA account because it is now \$40 a month. Mr Green and students get it for free. Will close the account this month or get it transferred.
- Booster Board positions. Fundraising - Marielena Quinlan Volunteered
 - Any volunteers for Assistance Treasure or Bear Wear?
- **Robed Choir - Natalie Eames**
 - October 3 - Set up for District Festival afterschool 3:30-6pm
 - **October 4 - District Vocal Solo & Ensemble Festival at LCHS**
 - Volunteers - sign up genius to help with registration table
 - Would like 3 runners and 6 monitors , clean up crew
 - 7am start time, need coffee
 - 4-5pm clean up time (need additional volunteers to help with clean up)
 - Concessions for donuts, waters (family donations)
 - Will have 4 performance room, lunch room and extra space to hang out
 - Map for visitors-Natalie has one
 - Texas Concert Choir Trip
 - Bus is booked and contracted signed
 - Holly and Jill Johnson signed up as chaperone, need one more (preferably with younger student to learn more about the travel for upcoming years)
 - Itinerary is done with Budget Spreadsheet
 - Worldssrides down payment is done
 - Fundraising planned to help with costs
- **Treble Choir - Lori Sisson**
 - Weekend went very well!
 - Sapphire is coming this weekend-will go until 2pm
- **Bear Wear - OPEN**
 - We have long and short sleeve Logo T-shirts
 - Need to order more for the students - need a total count
 - Need more small and mediums before 9/20/25 (10 each)
- **Tech Crew - Monish Ramnath The Circus sign arrived!! Looks good and colorful.**
 - Sound Dad - Doug Thompson
 - Tech Lead - Seth - lighting
 - Tech kids - need a finalized list

- Fall Circus Backdrop update, meeting time this weekend during Choreo camp
- **Treasurer's Report - Tammy Brown**
 - Updates:
 - 115 total students
 - Underground (35)/Sapphire Sound (21) Fees
 - Concert choir (46 students)
 - Treble choir (38 students)
 - Sponsorships: have 17 currently (totalling about \$4400)
 - Approved 5 scholarships this year
 - All Choir Fees - Due Sept 5th
 - Direct Donation Drive-
 - a) Go towards trip cost
 - b) Fall - Sept (Concert Choir) & October (Show Choirs) - each 2 weeks
- **Secretary's Report - Emilie Szenasi**
 - **Website: Send info to Allison and will work together w/ Emilie**
- **Fundraising -Marielena Quinlan**
 - Created Document to capture Show Choir and Robed Choir Fundraisers for program expenses and for trip costs
 - Tin Can Alley: \$300, \$136 in cash donation =\$436 total
 - Cold Stone Creamery made \$136.51 - scheduled for October 17th again for CC!
 - Need to schedule some Fundraising in November and December (Blaze pizza, Starr Brothers)
 - Barnes and Nobles isn't an option in 2025, but can in 2026
 - World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser - should we do this? Seems easy
 - Popcorn sales (local)
 - Chello grill-50% donations~can we do in November?
 - Slice and Dice pizza-create a pizza of the month, whomever buys your pizza theme they will donate certain 10-20%.
 - Jerky-? Around holidays for folks to buy as gifts?
 - Grants - NM Arts, Pepsi others??
 - Need volunteer to complete and submit - any volunteers?
 - Have the rough draft of grant
 - New risers
 - Opens up around September 2nd
 - Horizon grants through APS
- **Events - Karina Bell**
 - Arizona Show Choir Trip (Sapphire Sound and Underground)
 - Bus is Booked
 - Still need to book a 12 passenger van
 - a) Is anyone interested in driving this?
 - Hotel is Booked - Home2Suites by Hilton Phoenix North Happy Valley
 - Parent Courtesy Block is reserved
 - California Show Choir Trip
 - Price Comparison for flying vs driving - approximately \$300 more per student if we fly
 - a) Recommendation = we drive instead of fly due to: cost, logistics, etc

- Bus is Booked
 - Hotel - Hilton Garden Inn Burbank
 - a) Have contract and parent block reserved (Thursday night thru Sunday night), but will not sign it until after tonight's meeting
- Volunteers - **Leah Hertenstein**
 - Updates
- Underground Choir Representatives - **Colleen Ramnath, Jo Anderson**
 - Sept Choreo weekend
 - Thursday: 6 pm Chicken tender and potato wedges, maybe Canes sauce?
 - Friday: 6 pm Dominos and salads (2 family size)
 - Saturday: (8:30 am) Bagels in AM, subs for lunch
 - SIDI October
- Sapphire Sound - **Heather Newsome**
- Costumes - **Leah Hertenstein**
 - The following are needed (with one person per role)- Sizing , Planning , Ordering, Fitting, Organizing, Sewing/Embellishments
 - Sizing is complete for all students
 - Any accessories needed for the Fall Show?
 - Lights purchased, signs printed, drapes sewn (all for backdrop)
- New Business
 - Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, Oct 14th, 6pm
 - November Meeting is Monday, Nov 10th, 6pm
 - January Meeting is Tuesday, Jan 13th 6pm
- Dismissal
 - Motion: Jo
 - Second: Tammy
 - Vote: approved