

La Cueva High School Choral Boosters

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday Jan 13th 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 Nov 18th 2025
- Motion: Allison
- Second: Tammy
- Discussion: Everyone
- Vote: Everyone

- **Director's Report - Katherine Green**

Happy 2026! We have a lot to look forward to - events, auditions, trips, oh my!!! Thank you all for helping!

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

Events-

- NMMEA All-State UNM - Jan 14-17 - 3 Chaperones(Natalie Eames (Th), Christine Lines (Th & Fr), Lisa Kreiner (Fri)). Kids can bring their own lunch or go out and purchase food (no pizza served). Kids need to get there by 3:30, orientation begins 4:30, bring snacks, and audition at 6:30. Email info has info on where to park/cost, etc.
- ShowFEST - Feb 27 (7pm) & 28 (3pm) with EMS/CMS (\$10 tickets for adults, \$5 for student <18)
- 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
- State Choir Contest CHS April 14 & 15 - need chaperones and possibly food

- **President's Report - Allison Stevens**

- Thank you Everyone for a GREAT Winter Concert and Silent Auction!
- Thank you to all students that sang Christmas carols for fundraising at Band Craft Fair, North Star Luminaries and Starr Brothers Brewery and Watermark assisted living
- Concert Choir & Camerata Orchestra Concert were amazing performances
- The Giving Machine and NM Phil Messiah Concert where both great community events
- Ordered the sponsorship T-shirts - getting a quote. Ordered Tech T-shirts - have design waiting on date to pick up.
- TX itinerary is set and sent to Bus company - need new contract quote and signed
- Thank you Karina, Tammy, Natalie and Katherine for working on the trip logistics!
- Need to Competition T-shirt designs so we can get them printed in February.
- Natalie will working on TX trip design and getting T-shirts ordered
- Need to book Feb Choreo flights for Sammy, Katerina, Susia
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- Robed Choir - **Natalie Eames**
 - Retreat scheduled at later time
 - January 14-17 All State
 - Need volunteers/chaperones
 - *January 30 - Concert Choir Clinician Thursday 3:30-5:30pm, Friday 3:30-8pm, (Tentative)
 - Texas Concert Choir Trip Mar. 19-22
 - Itinerary is finalized
 - Parent Meeting March 3rd (after concert)
 - Total cost \$775
 - Number of students going and paid? \$50 + \$300
 - 37 students + 4 adults
 - Final Parent payment 1/16 World strides payment 60% 1/3, final 2/1.
 - Chaperones identified -Ann Aragon, Holly Johnson (and husband)
- Treble Choir - **Lori Sisson**
 - Texas Concert Choir Trip-info above
 - Retreat will be scheduled at later time (Feb/March sometime)
- Bear Wear - **OPEN**
- Tech Crew - **Monish Ramnath / Dan Szenasi**
 - What is needed for the Backdrop
 - Sapphire Sound: straightforward set. Will work with Maya for finalized details on posts.
 - Underground: panels are built that will rotate, imagery will go on panels, the plan is on its own schedule. Will have plans to work on details once Susia and Katrina are here. Printing is done, awaiting on panels to be delivered. Next choreo camp will work on 3D effects.
 - Comp set is going well, overall plan is straightforward.
 - Need to get printing - found Graphic complaint 60% off - add to our sponsorships - Resolution Graphic Inc
 - SS backdrop will have a drape banner painted, tall poles, tri pod metal base. This will stand on top row, want to use lights (from fall fest).
 - Will need to see if there is a truck option for California (APS box truck?)
 - Have APS truck for Arizona
 - Tshirts are coming soon!
 - Julia and Bell are coming to CA, Seth and Andrew will be coming to AZ. Kenna has extended her help, TBD.
- Treasurer's Report - **Tammy Brown**
 - Updates:
 - Booster Fees:
 - May need to cut things (food, etc.) if payments do not come through for Robed Choirs
 - Sponsorships (\$13,000) UG: >\$10,000, Treble and Concert \$2,800.
 - Trip Fees
 - Need to send revised email with trip cost / deadlines and hotels.
 - Started sending email for the TX trip
- Secretary's Report - **Emilie Szenasi**
 - Katherine requests Choir website needs updating-can Skye help with that for a small fee? Include pics to have all choirs on homepage? Photo gallery: can this be updated with more recent pics first-reverse order? Allison will contact Skye.

- **Fundraising -Marielena Quinlan**

- Trip costs Candy bars: ordered 300 boxes and got them \$38.50/box. Received 150 boxes Katherine signed them out. Only 35 boxes left. Good to continue to sell them through Valentines day.Can return any unopened boxes with an invoice due in 90 days. Got \$1 per bar box option.
 - Money received by choir by student:
 - SS - 6/21
 - Und - 19/35
 - Show choir turn in Jan Choreo, Feb Choreo is the deadline
 - Concert - 20/25 - deadline this Friday 1/16
- Concert Choir - TX trip Fundraising
 - Sell Candy in December + Cold Stone + Direct Donation
- Show Choir Trip Costs
 - StarrBrother / Caroling Dec 17th 5-9pm
 - Direct Donations
 - Sell Candy in December/ January
- 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)
 - Other fundraisers? Or Sell more Candy or set another night out Bubba's?? (still need \$337 for the budget)
- All Choir
 - Blaze Pizza out of Business
 - Caroling - LCHS Band Craft Fair- Dec 6th (this didn't get a good turn out from Robed choir 8 of ~70 students) budget was \$500, made \$200
 - Winter Concert & Silent Auction Dec 5th - budget \$3850
 - Barnes & Noble - need to get a date - budget 2,500
 - Schedule a night out? Still need \$250 for budget
 - POP Concert - \$5 a ticket , prepare to bring in extra chairs.
- 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.
 - What is the deadline?

- **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 (Garret Keith?), 3 female (Allison, Lori, Courtney).
 - Hoping to find an enclosed trailer/UHaul to borrow.
 - Katherine reach out to Choir director for Cleveland to drive the APS box truck to AZ. If so, do we pay for his hotel room since the truck is free to rent? Need to pay for gas.

- Micheal and Maya - how are they traveling?
 - Have a couple of extra kids that won't fit on the bus, how will they travel?
 - Allison will resend email
 - Looking for parents (Jeff/Jo, Heather/Shane, Emilie) who will have cars for errands
- California Show Choir Trip (Underground)
 - Bus is Booked, Hotel - Hilton Garden Inn Burbank
 - Knott'sberry Farm is the choice (students, chaperones and Katherine covered). Anyone interested for Knott's let Tammy know and pay.
 - Have contract and parent block reserved (Thursday night thru Sunday night)
 - Chaperone expectations : 3 total (1 male: Jeff Nelson?, 2 females: Karina and Allison)
 - Hoping to find an enclosed trailer/UHaul to borrow.
 - Jeff/Jo will be parents available and can help drive, Emilie will be there.
- Volunteers - **Leah Hertenstein**
 - Sign ups for January Choreo
- Underground Choir Representatives - **Colleen Ramnath, Jo Anderson**
 - January 22-24 - UND Choreo Weekend (Thurs 3:45pm-8pm, Fri 3:45pm-9pm, Sat 9am-5pm)
 - Sign Up Genius: subs, pinwheels or something Thursday night, taco bar potluck on Friday, bring your own lunch on Saturday, bagels, Wecks burrito donations?
 - Idea: Smiths will donate ingredients, need adults to assemble. Jo will also be talking to other places.
 - Future ideas: Potato bar, Olive Garden
 - Sign up will send out soon
- Sapphire Sound - **Heather Newsome**
 - January 6-7 - Sapphire Sound Choreo Tuesday & Wednesday 3:45-8pm - Thank you for coordinating right after the holiday
 - January 24th - Sapphire Sound Choreo - 4-8:30pm
 - Sign up genius? Sapphire parents can bring food for parent meeting. Will decide on theme.
- Costumes - **Leah Hertenstein**
 - Shoes are ordered for Underground
 - Underground -Costume committee ordered items December 14th!
 - Inspo storyboard from Micheal and Maya for Sapphire Sound sent 12/31. Jo placed the order
 - Need help w/ Comp costumes (Underground and Sapphire Sound) once we get items ordered and meet to put together in January
 - Student Costume committee - can we share the costume google sheet to get help with other pieces or accessories to order?
 - January goal: have costumes together for Jan intensive.
- New Business
 - Next meeting - February 17th
- Dismissal
 - Motion: Allison
 - Second: Monish
 - Vote: everyone