

# YCMEA Minutes- Saturday, May 18, 2024

## Call to Order: 10:12 am

**Present:** Jenny Thompson, president, Jose Ramos, vice president, Kayla Solorio, treasurer, Melanie Lynch, secretary, Shawn Pollard, Randy Wright, Chris Wright, Joel Santana, Shannon Bates,

## Review of Minutes- Approval

Jose moves to approve, Joel 2nds; Motion approved unanimously

## Treasurer's Report

All accounts are in black

All festivals operated in the black.

Donations for scholarships- we made enough for several scholarships next year as well as extra money was made for this year's partial scholarship winner.

Dues are \$25 and dues again at the beginning of each year. \$15 of this goes towards the costs of 501c3. Dues can be paid separately or can be added on any festival registration. In order to register for any event or festival, you will need to also be a member of the organization.

Any checks should be made out to YCMEA.

Please send dues, registration forms, and payments to:

Kayla Solorio  
4450 W 32nd St  
Yuma, AZ 85364

## Old Business

**501c3-** No updates- Randy talked to a lawyer and we just need to get it done as it has not progressed. We need a statutory agent. Shawn would help take care of it over the summer. The board will meet over the summer to get the paperwork and filing process done. The board is: Jenny, Kayla, Jose, and Shawn.

Bylaws need to be created; Jenny has started the process.

## Honor Band and Choir

1. [Melanie Lynch](#) chair and [Kayla Solorio](#) Co Chair
2. Dave Vosler- honor band conductor
3. Ericka Nelson- honor choir conductor
4. Discussion-scheduling- Some were concerned about how long we meet (January-February) as well as which days we choose. We adjust due to the guest conductors' availability. The idea of doing more days in a week for a shorter

period was brought up, but it was decided that students need the time to digest materials.

### Solo and Ensemble

1. [Jenny Thompson](#) Chairperson
1. February 24th at Centennial
2. There were 6 solos and quite a few small groups. Maggie Fenske judged strings and vocal entries. Tab Wilcox judged solos. Shawn Pollard judged ensembles.
3. Only 3 teachers from our area participated. We are barely breaking even moneywise.
4. When we send out information, include information about finding music.
5. We would like to send out information to the high schools to encourage more participation.
6. We could share music maybe even in person to encourage participation and help students choose music.

### Scholarships

1. Chair- Jose Ramos (taken over by [Melanie Lynch](#)). Committee- Jenny Thompson, Joel Santana, Christine Wright
2. YCAA was able to donate towards the scholarship for Ann Autrey Memorial Scholarship and John A. Dallabetta Music Scholarship

### Large Group Festival

1. [Jose Ramos](#)- 2024 Chair
2. Did not happen due to lack of venue
3. Suggested to follow up with director at the school
4. There is interest in it for next year
5. March 14th tentative date

### Desert Band Festival

1. Jose Ramos (taken over by [Melanie Lynch](#)) and [Kayla Solorio](#) will Co Chair- Joel Santana will be site host
2. Festival Dates: May 9 and 10
3. Suggestion- have schools bring chaperons especially if they have multiple groups on the same day.
4. Joel suggests bringing a podium for Post event.
5. Easier music next year
6. Elementary groups struggled especially.
7. Music went out really late too.
8. Guest conductors need to have correct times ahead of time as we had a couple of last minute substitutions. Thank you for conducting!
9. Have the elementary teachers come together to select appropriate music.

10. Snack- somewhere where there's a restroom access and open area. Faster snack time. Maybe have 2 stations? We could also give conductors the option to send out a few sections out at a time while they rehearse the other sections.
11. Have teachers in the room keep a schedule rather than the conductor. Also, have a FAJH student remind that the snack is ready.
12. Chaperones-we need at least one chaperone per school.
13. Have the students use RR before rehearsal starts.
14. No RR during performances unless emergency
15. Teachers need to be helping control the chaos- during after dinner time and during the performance.

### **Celebration of Strings- May 3**

1. [Kayla Solorio](#) chair, [Melanie Lynch](#) Co Chair
2. We had difficulty with behaviors in level 2.
3. Suggested that YCMEA purchases new music rather than using music already owned by the schools.
4. Suzanne Cox had a great time conducting level one.

### **Choir Festival**

7. [Tim O'Brien](#) Megan chaired
8. The event would be held at GRHS
9. March 22nd
10. No judging
11. Warm up in choir room

### **Social Committee**

We had a social at Wetlands on April 13th. It was good weather. It was a small turnout. We had hotdogs, sides, and dessert. It was a fun time. It is costing money, so we are looking at doing just once a year at this point. Next Social- August 10, 9:00 am at Wetlands. Melanie moves to approve a purchase of food not to exceed \$150, Chris seconds. Unanimous

### **New Business**

**Letter for site schools-** We should send letters to thank principals at sites who host events.

**Website- ycmea.org now works.**

Switching Banks- our current bank closes at 4:00 PM and is closed on weekends, so teachers are not able to make deposits. Melanie suggests researching different banks to see which would be the best fit.

Changes for next year-

New people are struggling to take over events as they don't know what to do.

Melanie created checklists for Celebration of Strings and Festival of Excellence. CoS can be edited to be for DBF. We need it for Solo and Ensemble and large festivals. Chairman meeting at 9:00 at Centennial.

Jenny proposes- that we spread the wealth with festivals. Only 1 chair and up to 2 co-chair with a max of 2 festival leadership positions. Melanie moves, Joel 2nds unanimous

Shannon- SDSMI Camp for students grade 5-12. June 16-22nd. Registration is open now. There's a big sale coming up and she doesn't know that Fretworks will honor the sale, but she will deliver to Yuma if someone buys online.

District 1 is doing summer music camp M-Th and 8-12 pm for the month of June.

Crane Camp 12-4 for 2 weeks, June 3-14, M-F. Concert on the 14th at 3:30 PM.

Officers for next year-

President- Melanie nominates Jenny, Randy 2nds- unanimously approved

VP and Advertising- Chris, Joel-Unanimously approved

Treasurer- Melanie nominates Kayla, Joel 2nds-unanimously approved

Secretary- Chris, Joel 2nds- unanimously approved

**Next meeting: August 17, 2024, 10:00 am Crane Library**

Melanie Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, Joel seconded

Meeting adjourned: 12:45 PM