

YCMEA Minutes- Saturday, September 7, 2024

Call to Order: 10:06 am

Present: Jenny Thompson, president, Jose Ramos, vice president, Kayla Solorio, treasurer, Melanie Lynch, secretary, Eloisa Arviso, Shannon Bates, Brandon Coz, Megan O'Brien, Shawn Pollard, Randy Wright

Introductions- We went around and introduced ourselves to the group and welcomed new members.

Approval of Minutes- Approval

Chris Wright moves to approve the [minutes from the previous meeting](#), Megan O'Brien 2nds; Motion approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report- All accounts are in black

Dues are \$25 at the beginning of each year. \$15 of this goes towards the costs of 501c3 or other projects. 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:

Chris Wright
2980 S. Rainbow Ave
Yuma, AZ 85365

Old Business

501c3- Paper work was rejected because the VP's name was different in two locations (included a middle initial in one place and no initial in another) It will be refiled today. We have an EIN and bylaws.

Festival Meeting- Last year's chairmen gathered at the end of the school year and created a checklist to make sure festivals have a starting point. Committee was Chris Wright, Kayla Solorio, Jenny Thompson, and Melanie Lynch. All information is in the YCMEA Google Drive and will be shared with festival chairmen.

New Business

Treasurer-

Kayla has resigned for this year or at least until the 501c3 process is completed due to concerns about liability.

Randy Wright nominates Christine M. Wright to take over as interim treasurer., Melanie Lynch seconds the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Melanie moves to remove Kayla Solorio from all Yuma County Music Educator Association (YCMEA) bank accounts and add Christine M. Wright to be a signer along with Jenny Thompson. Dave Vosler seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Honor Band and Choir

1. [Melanie Lynch](#) chair and [Kayla Solorio](#) Co Chair
2. The YCMEA Junior High Honor Band is open to band students currently in grades 6-9.
3. YCMEA Honor Choir is open to students in grades 6-12. Students are selected by their directors
4. December 7th HB auditions, at Crane
5. Megan O'Brien to conduct the choir
6. There is a \$5 audition fee for honor band.
7. Choir participants will pay a \$30 participation fee and honor band will pay a \$25 participation fee in addition to their audition fee.

Solo and Ensemble

1. [Jenny Thompson](#) Chairperson, [Jose Ramos](#) co-chair
1. February 22nd at Centennial
2. Registration due February 7th
3. Open to any musicians at any level whose teachers are members of YCMEA
4. Judges will be selected and compensated
5. Cost is \$5 for solo and \$15 for ensemble

Large Group Festival- Dave Vosler, Chairman

March 14th tentative date at Gila Ridge High School- Sponsored by the GRHS Band, Registration is \$75 per group

Choir Festival- Megan O'Brien, Chairman, **Tim O'Brien**, Site Host

Last year they invited kids to even come and listen. Megan O'Brien will chair, March 21st, GRHS, fee \$75 per group

Celebration of Strings- May 2

1. [Kayla Solorio](#) chair, [Suzanne Cox](#), [Megan O'Brien](#), Co Chair
2. Music is out but is not visible to all; Kayla will work on this.
3. Post Auditorium
4. Fee- \$25 director fee and \$5 per student
5. Registration due March 22nd
6. Kayla will look into having a guest performance by a more advanced group

Desert Band Festival

1. Committee: [Melanie Lynch](#), [Eloisa Arviso](#), [Jenny Thompson](#), Lopez will be site host
2. Festival Dates: May 8 and 9
3. Fee- \$25 director fee and \$5 per student
4. Music has been sent out in a drive
5. Chaperones-we need at least one chaperone per school.
6. Have the students use RR before rehearsal and concert starts.
7. No RR during performances unless emergency
8. Teachers need to be helping control the chaos- during after dinner time and during the performance.
9. Registration due March 21st
10. Make sure you get your percussion equipment there and labeled
11. Directors need to be present to help with tear down.

Scholarships

1. Chair- [Jose Ramos](#), Committee: [Margie Dallabetta](#), [Randy Wright](#), [Melanie Lynch](#), [Shawn Pollard](#)
2. January 31st applications due
3. Feb 8th application review with committee
4. March 15th- Auditions
5. Randy will come in and talk to the kids about the scholarships, just reach out to him
6. Melanie will ask the previous winners to do another video

Bank Change- Chris does not mind staying with the same bank because she has the ability to go during school hours some days. We will change banks after 501c3

Bertrand's Update

Shannon went through and play tested a lot of instruments. She has folders and other goodies for people who need them. .

501c3-

Jenny has created bylaws and is looking to have a committee to look them over. Dave is offering the GRHS bylaws to give some guidance. Randy has some guidance as well; he had help from a lawyer. Committee: Jose, Jenny, Chris, and Randy.

Clauses of indemnity and liability-

If YCMEA dissolves, where does the money go? It needs to go to another non-profit. Melanie suggests YCAA, Jenny suggest it becomes a scholarship. I move that in the event of YCMEA

folding for any reason, all available funds in our accounts will be donated to YCAA, Megan seconds, unanimous

Other Updates-

Melanie will adjust all billing forms, registration forms, and festival information.

Suzanne Cox- Vibrant Violins is having a Friday evening string class for anyone with 6 months or more playing experience.

Paige Graninger- is subbing for District 1 and has music background.

Social Committee- November 9th- Friendsgiving, West Wetlands (Castle Park), 11:00 am. Potluck

Next meeting: November 16, 2024, 10:00 am Crane Library

Melanie Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, Randy seconded

Meeting adjourned: 12:05 PM