

LLSC Management Team September Meeting Minutes
(September 19, 2025 Began: 7:00 p.m. Adjourned: 10:00 p.m.)

In-Person Attendance: Joy Beth Clarno, Aimee Green, Carole McSimov, Joanne Ianacone, Marilyn Kujat

Absent: Quin Rivers, Rosalia Salazar, Marla Mumford - on leave

In-Person Guests: Assistants - Kristen Kujat & Cynthia Howlett

Zoom: Link was sent to members; no one attended

I. Discussion led by Team Coordinator, Joy Beth

a. Consensus of August 9th, 2025 Minutes given

b. Laura Pallas Singer Coaching

***Laura Pallas's Seminar- Sept. 26th 7:00 - 9:00 pm; members arrive by 6:00.**

*PVI's are scheduled for Friday 1:00 - 5:15; Sat. 9:00 a.m. -11:30; Sun. 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

*The chorus coaching time was changed on Sept. 27, 2025, to 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. due to a facility scheduling conflict.

*A "Thank You" card, check, and a token of appreciation bag will be given to Laura after coaching on the 27th.

*Carole will send the Seminar Flyer to members of Desert Harmony and Celebrity City's Director.

*It's open to all Sweet Adelines for \$10. We may have about 5 guests attending.

II. Assistant Directors' Report (Kristen, Cynthia)

a. Coaching with Gary

*Cynthia and Kristen had an excellent coaching session with Gary, who gave them a lot of directing tips and techniques. They learned a lot!

*Assistant Directors are working on selecting our "set" songs for a 20-minute performance Package.

b. Assistants' Plan

*During our coaching, Laura Pallas-Singer will help with new riser placements.

New Music Team

*Assistants want a strong Music Team that can develop sections without direct guidance from a director.

*Chorus survey results helped Assistants determine new Section Leaders and Assistant Section Leaders.

*Selection of the new Music Team members was discussed and will be announced by the Assistant Directors.

*Robbe agreed to continue handling the Music Library.

*Colleen agreed to be the new Quartet Liaison (since Cynthia will be directing) and handle Quartet Matching Events.

Song Selections

*9 Repertoire songs and 15 Holiday Songs were selected.

*A timeline will be established for when we introduce songs and the songs for Spaghetti Dinner

*Possible Contest Songs “Joint is Jumping” and “Love Me Tender” were suggested.

III. Liaison Report- Carole

*Although members enjoy our Cultural Building activities, some members want more time spent on singing instead.

*Activities will be scaled back to every other Monday, but will continue for a while longer.

Carole compiled the chorus feedback from our “Riser Etiquette” Activity, and another team meeting will be held to create a list to display.

IV. Music Team- Marla- on leave (See II. Director’s Report)

V. Financial Report - Aimee

a. No changes to the Financial Report

b. Ice Cream Social

*We took in \$281. After expenses, we netted \$131. Thank you to all those who helped make it a success!

c. Bunco Night

*Our goal is to earn \$1,500 for the year.

*We netted \$518.

*Our goal is to have 2 more Bunco events this year

d. Raffle at Rehearsal

*Missy started selling raffle tickets

*The first drawing will be at the end of October so funds can accumulate

e. *Holiday Grams

*We need to organize and promote it now

*Continue offering it by phone

*Consider adding an “in person” option \$20; with a gift for \$25

f. Holiday Show (we will focus on planning for February’s Spaghetti Dinner instead). We plan to get smaller gigs during the holidays.

VI. Membership - Rosalia (unable to attend)

a. *Guests' contact information is to be added to Groupanizer by Membership Chair.

(Rosalia now has admin access to expedite this. She and Anita need to have a meeting.)

b. Contact Information Spreadsheet

*Carole sent Rosalia LLSC’s current Contact List for her to update periodically.

c. Potential Members

*We are waiting to hear back from Andre who expressed interest in joining.

*India, Danielle, and Jezzie have attended a couple of times and plan to return.

d. Groupanizer Website (cont.)

Cynthia, Rosalia, and sometimes Aimee are not receiving member emails (the issue is unclear as to how to resolve).

Joanne and Carole met with IT Eric. He agreed to create a 1 to 1 ½-minute promotional video and a more professional Groupanizer layout using our \$500 credit. We will send him chorus videos with designated clips, and he will show us how to add pictures and you-tube videos.

*Kristen suggested we add an audio recording of a winning chorus as an example of barbershop singing to put on our website for advertising.

e. Leave of Absence/Resignations

*Diane Rauhoff, Stephane Edey, and Anastasia Edey sent in resignation letters.

*Carole will send "Exit" Surveys to resigned members.

*We will follow up with May about her Leave of Absence.

*Colleen McCormick plans to rejoin LLSC.

VII. Marketing - Joanne

a. Fundraising

*We should receive a check soon from the Smith's program for July, August, Sept..

*Smith's program is only for Nevada residents and is not offered in other states. Joanne passed out sign-up forms to guests at Bunco Night. Please ask family, friends, neighbors, etc., to sign up to surpass our goal.

*I-give.com (members must register, find their chorus, and then add the website to the browser for future log-in before making a purchase.) Carole suggested that we have "Device Night" to help members get signed up and learn about Social Media.

*RaiseRight.com - members purchase digital gift cards of various companies that can be paid through an App on our cell phones. We still need to finish signing up. Aimee, our Financial Manager, approved using the chorus account. We plan to determine a percentage of profits to share with members as an incentive (Sandra Prandy has agreed to run the program and track proceeds.)

b. Gilcrease Orchard - We will hear back in November about advertising or singing there.

c. Downtown Summerlin

*Joanne spoke to Emma, a representative from HowardHughes.com who suggested contacting the Giving Machine, who organizes performers' schedules. We'd like to sing during their Holiday Events running from mid-November to mid-December at one of their performing sites (Pavillion, Block Party, etc.). We are waiting to hear back from Giving Machine.

d. Places to Contact/Perform

*Joanne contacted Atria Seville Senior Retirement & Assisted Living, San Martin Senior Living, Montero Meadows Assisted Living on Tropicana, and Oakmont of Las Vegas Assisted Living Facility

- e. **Southern Nevada Retired Teacher Association-** Carole will call to get us on their presentation schedule. It's a great recruitment opportunity.
- f. **Ichabod's** - Joanne will check to see if we can perform there.

VIII. Events- Marilyn

- a. **Galleria Mall- Tentative Schedule- Sat. Dec. 6th 5:00; Sun. Dec. 7th 1:00** - Marilyn will confirm. The other offered date was Dec. 20-21.

- b. **Ethel M's Gig-** December 10, 2025- Marilyn would like Colleen to pass on her contact information.

- c. **Summerlin Library**

*They require a sample of our craft and for entertainers to call in on the first of the month at midnight to book a gig a year in advance. Marilyn will set this up for a 2026 December show.

- d. **Ice Cream Social**

*It was a great success bringing all 3 choruses together and supporting Family Promise. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped organize it.

- e. **Senior Idol Opportunity**

***It's up to eligible chorus members to pursue this separately.**

*Members 55 and over are eligible to enter the Senior Idol contest. Applications are due by September 28, 2025. Auditions are on October 21, 2025. If accepted, the contest is on January 22, 2026. (Continued)

- f. **Bunco Night:** September 18, 2025, at the American Legion Post 40 in Henderson.

*24 people attended and had a great time!

*Thank you to all those who helped make it a great event!

*Our guest, India, won with the most Buncos (8) and Carole had the most game wins (17)

*We'd like to have another Bunco Night soon (Robbe offered her home on the westside.)

- g. **Silver Statesmen Picnic at Winchester Dordano-** Based on the Chorus Survey 7- "Yes" and 8- "Maybe".

- h. **Celebrity City Chorus Fashion Show-** October 4th 11:00 a.m. We encourage our members to support our Vegas sisters.

- i. **SAI Watch Party**

*Carole will ask Anita, Donna, Amanda and Sandra if they are willing to volunteer a day (1 person per day) to host SAI the events. Based on the chorus survey- members are interested in watching. Amanda volunteered to host the Chorus Finals on Sat. Oct. 25th.

VIII. Director Search - Marilyn (Anita was out of town for a few weeks)

Interviews

- *Candidate Emily Dirks sent an email declining the position, but was thankful for the opportunity.
- *New candidate, David Kancsar, a pianist for the Masters and Community Lutheran Church, is interested in an interview. He teaches piano, music theory at UNLV, and has conducted.
- *Amy Symes never returned Marilyn's call.
- *Add the chorus email to the Director's Search flyer. (We need a password to access the account.) (cont.)
- *Carole and Joanne sent emails with the Director's Search Flyers to Regions 1-24 with the exception of the ones overseas. Every chorus in Region 11 was sent a flyer.
- *Carole and Joanne are working on sending a Director's Search flyer to all the elementary school music teachers in CCSD.
- *Carole will resend an email with the Director's Search flyer to the UNLV candidates shared by Rosalia.
- *JoyBeth will reach back out to Monica to ask for the DCP list so we can send a Director's Search Flyer.

IX. Old Business

- a. **Emergency Contact Sheet:** Contact Rosalia to make any changes

X. New Business

a. Spaghetti Dinner (continued)

- *Marilyn secured Community Lutheran Church for a February 6, 2026, dinner.
- *The theme will be "Love" for Valentine's Day.
- *Charge \$25 a ticket; guests can "buy up" or buy 5 tickets for \$100.
- *Spaghetti is safe to sell under the "Cottage" Clause because of the tomato sauce.
- *Add sponsors, donors, or advertisements in the program.
- *Offer 50-Envelope Challenge- (number envelopes from 1-50. Guests choose an envelope number and fill it with money equal to the chosen number)
- *Send a small group every week to a different Farmers' Market each week to advertise and sell tickets to our shows.

501c3 - we are covered under SAI, but Aimee has sent in our state application so our chorus can be listed under the state as a non-profit

- *We need a 3-month minimum timeline to plan out a show.
- *Goal - to earn \$2,500 through tickets, raffles, and corporate sponsors on the program
To offset costs, we will ask for donated gift cards from Costco, Smart & Final, etc.

b. "Lucky Lady of the Month" (New Program)

- *Cathy Shieff was selected as our Lucky Lady for September!
- *The team gave consensus for October's Lucky Lady.
- *Members may suggest a candidate and place it in the Suggestion Box.

c. Team Member Responsibilities

- *Further discussion is needed at the next meeting to clarify team members' roles and responsibilities to avoid redundancy and overlapping.
- *Non-team members should only take on roles when asked by the team.

d. Holiday Party

- *Robbe volunteered to host our chorus Holiday Party. The dates during Hanukkah (Evening of Dec. 14 to Dec. 22, 2025) she's not available.
- *Missy is also willing to host the party.

X1. Future Dates

a. Next Management Team Meeting:

- **Tentative Date: November 14, 2025*
- **Location and time - TBD*

SEPTEMBER:

- *Sept. 18, 2025 Bunco Night
- Sept. 26-28 Coaching with Laura Pallas

OCTOBER:

- *Oct. Schedule SAI Watch Party 20th-25th
- *October 20-25th SAI-International Contest
- *October 21st - 23rd Senior Idol Auditions at the East Las Vegas Community Center

NOVEMBER:

- *November 7-8 Regional Leadership Training
- *Schedule a date to record Holiday Grams
- *Schedule Coaching with Gary
- *Schedule Bunco Night??

DECEMBER:

- *December 6th @ 5:00 and Dec. 7th @ 1:00 Galleria Mall
- *December 10th- Ethel M Performance
- *Holiday Party- Robbe volunteered, Missy offered too (still need a workable date)
- *No rehearsal on Dec. 22nd and 29th.

JANUARY 2026:

- *Promote Dinner Show - Advertise at Farmers' Markets Weekly
- *January 22, 2026 (Senior Idol Competition)
- *January RETREAT with Nikki Blackmer- Postponed to January 22-23, 2027

FEBRUARY 2026:

- *February 6, 2026 (tentative date for a Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner Show)

***Sell Valentine Grams before February 14th**

MARCH:

***Schedule Coaching with Gary**

***Schedule Bunco Night**

APRIL:

***April 6, 2026 (Tentative Friends & Family Night Date)**

***April 16th - 19th Region 11 Contest 2026 in Ridgecrest, CA (Reserve rooms early, maybe Air B&B's)**

***Schedule Morale Boosting Party for after Contest**

***April 27th - Management Team Elections**

MAY:

***Installation Banquet for New Management Team (Date TBD)**

***May 25, 2026, Performance at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, 1900 Veterans Memorial @ 7:00 a.m.**

***Sing Star Spangled Banner & God Bless America.**

JUNE:

***Plan a Patriotic Show at the American Legion**

JULY:

***Schedule Patriotic Show before the 4th of July**

***Schedule Morale Boosting Party**

Submitted by Carole McSimov on 9/22/25 at 11:30 a.m.