

Bend Pops Board Meeting September 11, 2025

The meeting started at 5:09 p.m.

Present: Louise Brown, Kimberly Holland, Donna Mitchell, Chris Moody, Chris Redgrave, Judy Sissener, Stacey Weldon

Absent: Conductor Eddy Robinson

Action Items:

- The August Minutes: Motion by Chris Redgrave, 2nd by Judy Sissener. Minutes approved.
- Approval of IT Security: Motion by Chris Redgrave, 2nd by Chris Moody. Approved with plans for tiered access implementation. Allow board-wide read access, limit edit privileges.
- Ombuds roles and responsibilities: Approved.
- 2025/26 Budget Approval: Motion by Louise Brown, 2nd by Judy Sissener.

Reports:

- Treasurer (Chris M): Reported and accepted.
- Membership & Scholarship (Chris M): 76 members currently and one scholarship application.
- Fundraising (Judy): \$10,000 Oregon Arts Commission grant was rejected. More grant applications are pending. Suggestion: future meeting for potential fundraising volunteers.
- Venues:
 - Chris R - have not heard back from Redmond.
 - Chris M - Seven requests into the school district. Anticipate response by next week. The 10/29 rehearsal was cancelled by the school system. Make-up date to be determined.
- Set-up Crew (Chris R): We may need more chairs and may need to purchase stands. We need 84 stands. Next week we will need five more stands.
- Publicity (Stacey and Kim): Discussed expanding Pop's social media presence. Proposed Instagram and LinkedIn accounts. Also discussed involving local children's groups in future concerts to attract families. Kim suggested sticker sales as potential revenue and publicity.

Old Business:

- Section lead meeting (Chris R): successfully completed.

New Business:

- Trello (Stacey): Reviewed the free version of Trello as a project management tool. Also discussed implementing a forum or message board on Pop's website to facilitate social activities and communication among members.
- Discussion of possible board member limit (Stacey): Motion by Chris M that Board Meetings members will be capped at 9 members; 2nd by Kim. Motion approved. Board meetings will remain open to all orchestra members (attendees would be muted and observing only) with a closed session for sensitive topics.
- New Ideas: Minor Participation - Need to develop policy for minors joining orchestra. Chris M will investigate insurance implications and liability concerns. Create parental consent forms and transportation agreements. Chris R to draft policy. Stacey will contact COYO about their youth orchestra policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9, time TBD.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Mitchell