

Bend Pops Board March 12, 2026

The meeting started at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Katie Adase, Louise Brown, Kim Holland, Donna Mitchell, Chris Moody, Chris Redgrave, Conductor Eddy Robinson, Judy Sissener, Stacey Weldon

Action Items:

- The February Minutes: Motion by Chris Redgrave, 2nd by Stacey Weldon. Minutes approved.

Reports:

- Treasurer (Chris M): Reported total income of \$2,680 and expenses of \$4,710. A significant donation of \$700 from Ann Devon-Song was allocated specifically for small ensembles. The organization currently has 74 members. Fundraising (Judy): Reported receiving a \$1,500 installment from a two-year grant but is still waiting on NEA funding. Several new applications due in March and May.
- Annual Donation to Caldera HS: The board agreed to a \$300 donation annually to Caldera High School's music program, replacing the previous agreement of \$100 per term.
- Retirement gift for Michael Gesme: Discussed potential tribute ideas Agreed to further discuss these ideas via email.
- Burns/Rural Concert: Agreed to request an extension for the deadline and begin researching venues while waiting for exact fall concert dates. Eddy expressed preference for maintaining two holiday concerts in different locations on separate weekends.
- Jen Stevenson Visit (Stacey): Confirmed that flights and master classes were arranged, with the COCC library space secured for free.
- Publicity (Stacey): Discussed a potential advertising opportunity with A&E magazine, including a one-time ad and a possible article. Stacey will gather more information about the ad's details, circulation, and guarantees before a decision is made. Stacey seeking approval for an additional \$150 from the Ben Pops promotional fund to cover the cost of advertisement.
- Small Ensembles (Katie): Katie presented updates on developing procedural documents, including forms for requesting rehearsal space assistance and music purchases. The committee also discussed plans for a summer concert fundraiser, though specific details like venue and date were still being considered. Judith raised governance concerns about the need for board approval of small ensemble activities and suggested creating a dedicated budget section for small ensembles. The committee agreed to share procedural documents with the board for review, with Katie committing to send them after the meeting.
- Robert's Rules (Louise): Addressed governance procedures, with Louise proposing to discuss board meeting protocols including Robert's Rules of Order and consensus decision-making. The board agreed to end the current meeting and schedule a separate session focused specifically on Louise's presentation about governance procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Mitchell