

Bend Pops Orchestra Monthly Board Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2026

- Location: Zoom
- The meeting was called to order at 5:22PM when a quorum of 5 was established.
- Present: Chris Moody, Chris Redgrave, Stacey Weldon, Katie Adase, Judy Sissener, and Kim Holland
- Absent: Donna Mitchell, Louise Brown, and Conductor Eddy Robinson

Action Items:

- March Board Meeting Minutes Motion to approve by Chris R Redgrave, 2nd by Chris Moody. The motion passed and the minutes will be entered into the records.

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report - Reported and accepted.
- Membership (Chris M.) - All members have paid for the term and one new scholarship was given.
- Fundraising (Judy S.) - An application was submitted for a new grant for small ensembles. For the Portland General Electric grant that was received for rural concerts, they have requested Bend Pops to submit a report with an update on the current grant and submit a proposal for the next round of grants by April 26 if we plan to do so.
- Chris R moved to proceed with the report to PGE, letting them know Bend Pops' plans for the fall rural concert, and submission of a proposal for the next round of grants. Chris M. seconded and the motion passed.
- Publicity (Stacey) - The June concert posters are ready for delivery and online ads have been submitted. Cascade Chorale has approached Bend Pops to do ad swaps with them.

Old Business:

- Retirement gift for Michael Gesme - Discussion was continued from the last board meeting about retirement gift ideas for Michael Gesme. Chris M. recommended a donation to a fund that is being re-named in his honor, along with a card signed by the orchestra. Motion made by Chris Moody to donate \$200 from Bend Pops to the Michael Gesme Young Artists Competition Fund in honor of his retirement, seconded by Kim Holland. Motion passed.
- Small Ensembles (Katie) - A small ensembles procedure document was emailed out to the board and discussion was had about its contents. Items discussed included small ensemble budget plans, the idea of a small ensemble membership fee for people who would like to participate and are not in the main orchestra, music licensing for gigs outside of main concerts, and the plans for a summer small ensemble concert. The consensus decision was made that the small ensemble committee would continue to work on the procedure document and budget proposal.
- Small ensemble summer concert plans - The small ensemble committee would like to hold a summer concert. Due to the potential risk of inclement weather and smoke, they proposed an indoor venue. There is availability at Hollinshead on August 9 and they would like to move forward with booking as indoor locations in Bend book up fast in the

summer. Once the venue is set, they will look further into fundraising ideas such as a raffle or auction.

- A motion was made by Chris Redgrave to allow the small ensemble committee to move forward with planning a Bend Pops small ensembles summer concert. Kim Holland seconded and the motion passed.
- Chris Redgrave moved to approve the temporary expenditure of \$800, plus a \$500 refundable cleaning deposit, to book the Hollinshead venue for the concert in August, recognizing that it is fully refundable for 90 days from booking. The small ensemble committee will prepare a budget for the event and then the board will have the option to accept or reject the booking at that time (plan is to have it by the next board meeting). Katie Adase seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24PM

Next meeting: May 14 at 5:15PM

Respectfully submitted by Stacey Weldon