



## BOEC Monthly Meeting Minutes December 01, 2025

Board Members Present: Scott and Christiana Weiss, Rebecca Anderson, Katie Eder, and Tori Rensink.

Student Council Members Present: Gabby and Bradwyn

Standing Items and old business:

Mission Statement: Reinforce our mission and vision. Scott discussed that BOEC is a resource for the enrichment of kids in music with a focus on, but not limited to, our orchestra students. We help in organizing enrichment programs and help fundraising efforts that are of a benefit directly to the kids in their musical journey. We are on call for the school music teachers and administrations in helping with school projects if requested.

Scott plans to go to all the PMB meetings.

Student Council reports:

Bradwyn: He thought the concert went well especially for such short notice. He thought the kids played well. He stated that Ms. Howell talked about planning an orchestra trip to Nashville or overseas.

Gabby: She thought the concert went well, everyone came together. The classroom is goofy right now. They got to catch up on missing work. The orchestra is a family and most get along well.

Bradwyn: Glad that the Christmas concert was postponed because the students were not ready after Mark Wood and Thanksgiving. Stated that some kids have dropped out of orchestra and some have been talking about leaving.

Gabby: Shared that the orchestra is combining with the band for "Sleigh-Ride" at the Christmas concert.

Scott discussed the idea of combining all music for a symphony, how BOEC might be involved in ways to help support this. Suggested reaching out to Bozeman schools for ideas.

### Mark Wood Concert

Rebecca: Tour went well and was very organized. The kids were a great amount of help in things running smoothly and on time. Concert set up and sound check went well. The Concert went very well. There were no sound or stage malfunctions. Everything looked very professional.

### Treasurer Report—Tori

Raffles wet well. \$2939.00 was earned in total from the violin and prize raffles

Of that \$2264.00 was earned for the violin.

Scott spoke to the bookkeepers at the Middle School Sarah Blodgett and Carrie Fisher at the High School. They discussed creating an account specifically for Mark Wood Concert for next Year. Ultimately, they agreed that because all of the raffles were held through BOEC, that BOEC would hold the money in our own MW account. Discussions at tonight's BOEC meeting resulted in agreeing to hold \$2000.00 in a Mark Wood Concert account for next year. If no concert happens, then the \$2000.00 would go into the general scholarship fund. Tori stated that the Mark Wood account would be line item 105 and the remainder of profits equaling \$939.00 would be put into a line item 106 account named "Fundraiser" less any reimbursements due.

Christians motioned for the above account descriptions to be instated and Katie 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Tori spoke about BOEC's yearly expenses looks to be about \$300 for insurance, website, etc.

Tori stated that if we need to make any financial changes to the MW account or other accounts, that is can be done as long as it is reflected/voted on in the minutes before the change.

Scott will ask Sarah Blodgett at the MS about the Mark Wood Grant. BOEC need an understanding if it needs extra funding to have him back each year. We would also like to know if and when he agrees to come back the next year so that we can put it on the calendar and be prepared to help if requested.

BOEC would like to maintain an open and good relationship with school administrators.

Parents mentioned difficulty with the volunteer sign up that was sent out by the teacher for the MW concert.

Media Director Christiana: RaiseRight online fundraiser ongoing and we need to get the word out to parents to use this fundraiser to add to their students account. BOEC will pay the 29-cent fee for up to 5 gift cards per family.

Senior Center: Santa Breakfast too short of notice. Discussed for a different location but it seems that there are too few choices and too short notice. We will pencil it into the calendar for next year.

Busking at the Mall: Scott reached out to the Mall but has not heard back. He will try again.

Website: Quarterly Musician Spotlight; First one is Vera Anderson for her hard work getting the Mark Wood tour and concert production organized. There will be a poll out for kids and parents to vote on the next Spotlight.

Mentor Program: Christiana created and application for students who are interested in mentoring and tutoring a younger student. BOEC needs to develop guideline to qualify applicants for the tutoring position. BOEC needs to find a basic course of study guideline for those students to teach. BOEC can reach out to the musical community for recommendations. We can talk to MSU, Renee Westlake, Cindy Stone for ideas or workshops. BOEC needs to ask about reserving rooms at the schools for tutoring or find alternative locations. Once established, Scott can give details to all the music teachers at the PMB meeting.

250<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the USA      July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

BOEC start reaching out to the Belgrade Community Coalition, City of Belgrade, Panther Music Boosters and all Belgrade music teachers. We know that there will be many people out of town, on vacation or at summer camps. We might need to reach out to the broader community.

Potentially Include the broader Gallatin County Community

Renee Westlake and Bozeman Symphony, Second String Orchestra, Bozeman schools, SLAM! Festival, Random Acts of Silliness.

Fixxology Fundraiser:      Valentine's Day February 14, 2026 percentage of your purchase goes to BOEC students.

Chipotle Fundraiser:      No date set

FOR SALE page on BOEC website: Any one can fill out the form and post their musical items for sale on BOEC website.

\*\*Rebecca will make a calendar by Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. It should be taken to PMB meeting.

Discussed venues for open mic nights for highschoolers. Steep House and the Lockhorn Ciderhouse were mentioned.

Christmas Stroll was mentioned to try to be a part of. We are not prepared to be in this year's. It can be very cold so ideas on how to stay warm and play need to be arranged. A warming tent was suggested.

The Orchestra's Christmas Concert will be December 16<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. Rock Orchestra was canceled for this week.

BOEC needs to make a kit to hand out to the PMB music teachers to hand out to their students/parents for acquiring more BOEC membership. Students can put out flyers on music stands as long as that is ok with the teacher/school.

String Jam:      A recommendation was made for funds for kids who want to go to String Jam.

Discussed ways to encourage kids to stay in orchestra. Parents encouraged kids to be positive, that change can be hard to get used to but it will get easier soon as more structure is developed. It's only been 3 months into the new schoolyear with a new teacher. Bradwyn stated that he felt highschoolers are talking over the teacher a lot and that it's disrespectful. He stated that Ms. Howell is calm and soft/well spoken. He stated that in the middle school there is very short class times and that she may be giving kids music to learn at home.

Next BOEC Meeting Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, later in the month to follow up on BOEC's agenda today and to follow up on the PMB meeting Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Motioned by Katie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chrisitana. Meeting adjourned 7:43pm.