



BOEC Minutes February 23, 2026

Meeting @ old district offices on Weaver 6:00 pm

- i. Call to order / rollcall 6:01pm; Scott, Katie, Tori, Rebecca, Christiana
- ii. Approval of minutes from January 26, 2026 meeting—approved 1st Tori 2nd Rebecca
- iii. Standing items and Old Business;

Mission Statement- discussion on revision of mission statement to broaden and say “musicians” instead of students. Reasoning: A student can be any age but the word connotes only children.

BOEC initially formed to support the kids in the school orchestra but will also welcome and support musicians of all ages in our membership. Topic was tabled, will be further reviewed and discussed, bylaws will be reviewed and it will be put up for a discussion and vote next meeting.

Concessions-Scott- BOEC will be combining events with the Girl Scouts at the Brick and stadium over the spring and summer. The season will be very busy and there are not enough g.s. due to graduating seniors. This will likely carryover through fall football season. There are a lot of openings for help on 3/12, 3/13, and 3/14. June 4th is a big concert, Mumford and sons. We will need 14 people to run concessions. Scott reviewed the payouts for concessions and reminded us that it can take 6 weeks before we get our first check. Scott handles all the timeclock and tip tallies and divides accordingly into each student’s account. Please see Scott for any questions.

- iv. Student Council report- Gabby- Students are getting ready for AA in orchestra class. Students are learning new music and the teacher is helping more sections individually. Efforts have been made to emphasize that BOEC and its formation of chamber groups and performances are not in competition with the orchestra program in the schools. Flyers for chamber groups were taken down and not allowed. (BOEC had permission from Trey-vice superintendent.)

Discussion: BOEC and its programs are a club just like any other sports or extracurricular activity, or community travel teams. For example, you can have a school soccer team or school volleyball team and also have AYSO/Surf soccer and BigSky/Central Valley volleyball in the community.

- v. Financial Report—Tori Rensink- Fixxology fundraising money hasn’t come in yet. It may be a few weeks. Form 1023 for IRS recognition of nonprofit status has been. Notification of approval may take a few weeks. We need to have that for Give Big Fundraiser.

- vi. Continuing Business

- a. 4th July Quincentennial Celebration/Chamber Group

- i. Conductor search #1 priority. We may need to offer to have several conductors so that no one single person feels like it’s too much of their free time taken up.

- ii. Continue to explore timing, location, partnerships; working on these items. Rehearsal location should be the middle school choir room, unless another option arises.

- iii. BCC, PMB, SSO, Schools, Community- We have a meeting scheduled with SSO this week. We will continue to connect with local organizations as plans for 250th are developing.

We had our first Chamber Group meeting with local musicians. There were about 20 in attendance and about 12 forms received. There were a good variety of players, violin, cello, flute, voice, recorder.

b. Mentorship program; continued development. We will start with a basic strings book. We will rent the practice rooms at the high school. BOEC is interested in offering a few small scholarships to the community for help with lesson or instrument rental.

vii. Director of Media Report

i. QR codes are available that will take you to the website for all signups. Meeting minutes are up on the website. There is a chamber group section on the website.

ii. We will be using the Band App for communicating with chamber group members.

iii. Nominations are open for the next student spotlight.

iv. Christiana reached out to String Jam teachers and they discussed a possible scholarship for this summer.

ii. Social updates- Vera offered to advertise on her socials for the Chamber Group. Christiana discussed a TikTok reel development for advertising BOEC membership, chamber and mentorship. We need to discover more community groups on Facebook to join. BOEC now has its own TikTok page.

Belgrade Newspaper will give a 50% discount for a ¼ page ad. This comes out to \$161.00. BOEC will wait to use the newspaper for now.

viii. New Business

a. Meeting with Chloe from One Valley Community Foundation, GBGV; Rebecca discussed meeting Chloe and Mark from the Library Foundation. BOEC is invited to be a part of the kick-off event at the library on April 30th from 6pm-8pm. BOEC should plan on having a few players there.

b. Public forum Meeting with Montana Arts Council regarding 2026 Grants; Rebecca discussed the particulars of the grants and how they are awarded. Please see Rebecca if you'd like more information. This may fall under future business.

c. Meeting with community members- Scott, Christiana and Rebecca had a meeting with a couple of local musicians and teachers who gave some great advice and commentary.

d. Upcoming meeting with SSO

ix. Open Forum/Discussions

Vera suggested a small group performance at her next show(s) in between sets when they are changing over the stage. She has amps, a Stingray violin and possibly wireless audio for use.

x. Upcoming Events; Chipotle fundraiser May 20th. Baroque 3-day workshop in August. Ages 14 and up, limit 50 participants. Baroque is not affiliated with BOEC, we just share opportunities for our members.

xi. Schedule next meeting; Monday March 30th, 2026 6pm, Old district meeting room on Weaver in Belgrade.

Adjournment 7:35pm 1st Rebecca, 2nd Christiana