

Bixby Bands Parent Organization

Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2023

In attendance:

Brandee Pierson	Kara Sloat	Autumn Morris
Brandi Short	Caroline Farmer	Stacy Hula
Jenny Mason	Ginger Shoemake	Jennifer Pardue
Tara Judd	Jessica Allsop	Jessica Law
Katherine Fondren	Kristi Singletary	Wendy Hightower
Lisa Lee	Stacey Sharp	Melissa Corbett
Jeremy Parker		

Called to order at 6:01pm by Brandee Pierson.

Minutes of January 19, 2023 meeting presented by Tara Judd. **Stacy Hula made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, a second by Ginger Shoemake, no objections.**

BAND UPDATE – JEREMY PARKER

IRELAND

- Room assignments are almost complete.
- Trying to plan for as many scenarios as possible, patience will be key.
- Last flight group is losing time and it's not ideal. Working on a solution.
- Trip is about the kids and their performance.
- Only 4 staff members will be allowed to walk with the band. One of these spots may be Nurse Hightower.

OTHER UPDATES

- Mr. Parker supports transitioning BBPO to a 501(c)(3).
- The Pride will attend BOA Super Regional in Indianapolis this year. BOA St. Louis is the same weekend as OBA.
- Mr. Parker supports concession work over gate work as concession sales are the life blood of the band.
- BTOB will still be designed for 2A-5A bands. Expenses will increase as world class judges will be brought in. This is a benefit to both participating bands and our band.
- Symphonic band will still play on 26th, but the performance will be in the high school auditorium. Wind ensemble will perform on the 27th at Lorton Performance Center.

BTOB (Brandee Pierson)

Trophy sponsorships will be parent led and ad sales will be student led. A portion of ad sales will go toward the student seller's account. Stacey Sharp would like a committee to help navigate the changes. The volunteer sign-up schedule will be restructured.

BEST TRAINING (Brandee Pierson)

Mr. Parker would like all parents going to the trip to complete BEST Training.

GATE WORK (Brandee Pierson)

Discussion on lack of parents signing up to work football game concessions, trying to staff the concession stand before staffing gates, and whether or not to continue staffing all or some athletic gates. Discussion points included parents that prefer gate work to concession stand work, mandatory parent volunteer hours, and whether or not a buy-out program is possible.

A motion was made by Wendy Hightower to give only varsity football gate work positions back to the athletic department, a second by Brandi Short, 16 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carries.

8th GRADE (Brandee Pierson)

We will be holding a meeting for 8th grade parents later in the spring. Several members discussed the benefit of having veteran parents share their experiences and be available to answer questions at the meeting. Middle school credits can be used for the trip to Branson. Any remaining credits will go toward their high school band account.

PASTA DINNER (Kara Sloat)

There will be raffles this year instead of a silent auction. Tickets will be \$20 and must be bought through MySchoolBucks. Sales will open March 1st to senior parents and board members. Students will have to have a ticket to eat, but anyone can come and enjoy the music without buying a ticket. Savastano's will cater. No food or drink can enter the Worship Center and students should stay off of the stage. We will need volunteers to rotate to help monitor students entering the Worship Center.

BOARD POSITIONS (Brandee Pierson)

Positions will be reviewed and revised as necessary to best meet our current needs. Jessica Allsop will step into the VP position and shadow Brandee. Amber Helwick will be taking over parent accounts. Jennifer Pardue recommended there be a position on the board to represent Winter Guard. Ms. Huse has taken over handling student accounts.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wendy Hightower, second by Stacy Hula. Meeting adjourned 7:46pm.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 27th, 2023, 6pm, Downtown Bixby Church of Christ