

## **Bixby Bands Parent Organization**

Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023

In attendance:

Brandee Pierson

Hope Simmons

Jenny Mason

Tara Judd

Katherine Fondren

Lisa Lee

Neil McInnis

Kayte Weinacht

Tory Kraus

Jessica Allsop

Stacey Sharp

Erin Melton

Todd Wall

Jennifer Pardue

Amber Helwick

John Morgan

Melissa Corbett

Autumn Morris

Called to order at 6:00pm by Brandee Pierson.

Minutes of August 22, 2023 meeting presented by Tara Judd. **Jessica Allsop made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, a second by Jennifer Pardue, no objections. Motion carried.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Amber Helwick)

Amber is organizing financials and obtaining transactions from the district, particularly BTOB, and plans to begin regular reporting next month.

### **INTRODUCTIONS** (Brandee Pierson)

Introduced VP of Marketing nominee John Morgan to the board.

**Amber Helwick made a motion to approve the nomination of John Morgan as BBPO VP of Marketing, a second by Jessica Allsop, no objections. Motion carried.**

### **PROPS** (Todd Wall)

We have a great prop crew. Many helped during band camp. Trailers need to get off of the soft wet dirt at Central Elementary. Can we move the trailers back to the parking lot? Neil McInnis would like to block off the semi area on Friday. Brandee will get it blocked off after staff leaves for the day.

### **GENERAL CONTEST INFO** (Brandee Pierson)

We will be taking 2 semis, 2 box trucks, and the water trailer. Complimentary wristbands will be for chaperones and prop crew only. People that help all day will be fed, this includes bus drivers, directors, staff, and uniform crew. Flexibility is key.

### **UNIFORMS** (Lisa Lee)

Uniforms will be loaded on Friday night.

**BTOB** (Katherine Fondren)

BTOB is Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. More ads have been sold this year, than last. Tara and Katherine will be doing videos on social media. Freshman are not allowed to volunteer. 13 bands will be participating. Exhibition performance is at 4:00. Todd is coordinating facilities. He will ask for loans of tents and ATVs. Derek Meyer will run the jumbotron. Dawn Jackson will head up band guides (senior students). There will be 7 judges. Lunch and dinner will be provided for the judges. Volunteers will have snacks and breakfast sandwiches. Encourage other parents to volunteer. The bus entrance is different than it has been in past years. Concern was raised that the stadium won't be cleaned before BTOB. Tommy Matthews has volunteered as security. We still need to figure out if we will be feeding other bands. More merchandise will be for sale this year. Sugar Boogar will be there and donating 15% of sales.

**HOME GAMES** (Brandee Pierson)

Kona Ice will be at home games and donating 20% of sales, with a possibility of 30%.

**CONCESSIONS** (Jennifer Pardue)

Concession times need to start earlier because the stadium is now opening at 5pm. Discussion on whether or not to keep times the same or the concession stand will wait to open until 5:30 or 6. Erin Melton reported that there are lots of openings for the next two games. Cindy Robertson is now running hot dog prep in the commons/cafeteria/kitchen. Jennifer asked the board to consider an in-person meeting next year for freshman parents to get buy-in and commitment. Brandee suggested comping concession stand workers tickets to the games.

**MARKETING** (Joh Morgan)

John is looking for ways to grow Bixby Bands. He has helped with the Prop Crew. Wants to work on long-term sponsorships and relationships. Would like to know what the needs are and look for ways to accomplish those goals. Would like to establish a wish list.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Brandee Pierson reported that the purchase of a semi is in the works.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jessica Allsop, second by Amber Helwick.  
Meeting adjourned 6:52pm.**

***NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6pm, Band Building... this was amended to Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6pm, via Zoom.***