

DESERT FIBER ARTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2025

The Desert Fiber Arts board of directors' regular monthly meeting of the was held on August 19, 2025 at the studio, 101 N Union Street, Kennewick, Washington.

The meeting was called to order by president Kareena Anderson at 1:01 PM.

Attending: President Kareena Anderson, co Vice presidents Nancy Klotz and Breanne O'Hare, past president Betsy Dickinson, Secretary Ord McConaghy, Treasurer Era Tschebotarjew, members at large: Karyn Watson, Karen Dodson, and MaryAnn Mae. **We have a quorum.**

Next board meeting will be **September 20th 1-3. At the DFA studio.**

Karyn Watson moved that the July board meeting minutes be accepted, seconded by MaryAnn Mae. **MOTION PASSED**

REPORTS

President: Kareena mentioned that when she arrived the thermostat had not been adjusted when someone left the studio. The thermostat NEEDS to be adjusted accordingly (sign posted on the wall) to conserve our funds.

Vice presidents. Nancy Klotz stated that the next General meeting is the first Saturday in September, hopefully it will be held at the Richland Library. If not, it will fit in the studio.

Treasurer: Era Tschebotarjew reports: DEFA total assets: \$47,271.31 Income: \$1946.82
Payments: -\$1146.33 Net income: \$800.49

Secretary: no comment

Members at large: no comments

DECISIONS/APPROVALS

****Raffle Item for the Fall Market:** The Kromski rigid Heddle has not yet sold. Shall we take it off the market and raffle it off at the Fall Market? A brief discussion ensued. It was moved by Ord McConaghy that the Kromski rigid Heddle be used as a raffle item at this year's Fall Market; seconded by Nancy Klotz. **MOTION PASSED**

****Sharon's sponsorship money and the \$1,400 set aside for DFA workshops:** Betsy Dickinson reported that Sharon is flexible as to what to do with the remaining funds. The board talked about a few options. It was moved by MaryAnn Mae to keep these funds, the remainder of Sharon's sponsorship funds and the \$1,400 previously set aside for DFA workshop, as separate budget items as they are currently, Karen Dodson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED**

****DFA's annual report** needs to be send in to the secretary of the state. Heather (Bookkeeper) will do that after Kareena connects with her.

****Ord McConaghy** has permission and full approval to handle the Desert Fiber assets with the county officials.

COMMITTEES/PROGRAM REPORTS

ANWG Kareena reports that she re-submitted that ANWG membership form as ANWG had updated the form just after our original form and dues were paid. Nancy Klotz reports the she read in the ANWG newsletter that as a member of ANWG we can use their Zoom account, which would save DFA some expense. She will investigate this and get more details.

Big Weave: Member of this group, Betsy Dickinson, Kathy Meyers, Vicki Hughes, Ord McConaghy, and Susan Schmieman met under Cherly Reed's leadership and guidance to examine woven samples against a rubric of qualities.

Communication: Nancy Klotz reminded that Jeanette needs to take pictures of items that will be for sale in the fall market so she can make the photo available to Jennifer Ely.

Community Outreach: Breanne O'Hare is working with the folks who coordinate the Heritage days, at Sacajawea Park, to get more specific detail as to what they are looking for us to provide. Date: September 25, 26 and 27th.

Eco Friendly and Creative Reuse: MaryAnn Mae shared that this group wants to implement a QR code and green tag idea for Fall Market.

Consumers can use their smart phone and scan the QR code that will bring up the story or background information about items with green tags they may wish to purchase.

Facilities Studio Manager: Bruce Nichols took the fire extinguishers in to be inspected.

Fall Market Committee: Meets tomorrow at 4PM. Dates for Fall Market are Friday/ Saturday November 7 and 8 this year. Please take save the date cards and distribute them.

Grants: The sponsors of the Community Accelerator grant asked for some updated/more current financial reports, which were quickly send to them. We have not heard back from them.

Library: Lisa Saget reports that Dorothy Hill donated three boxes of magazines, Lisa will use these to fill in what is missing in our library.

Newsletter: no update, the newsletter continues to look amazing, Jade does a good job.

Membership: Unofficial count to date: 115 members. Betsy will do a new member orientation in September.

Social media: MaryAnn Mae has set up a new Facebook account as the original manager and password could not be found. DFA is also up and running in Instagram. The name for our Facebook page is: Desert Fiber Arts, she could not get rid of the old one so make sure you find the new one to follow or like.

Stash Buster: Kareena is taking the lead on this activity; the date will be September 13 and 14th with set up on the 12th. We have a large amount of usable material to be offered in exchange for a donation to DFA.

Study Groups:

****Kim Simmons,** from the Pop-Up spinning group shared the story about getting an offer from gentle farmer (puts the quality of life for the animal first) who wants to give wool pelts to the group to work with and learn the history of the origin of the sheep that produce them.

****Kareena** shared that she contacted the Great Wheels group and ask if they would consider changing their name to better reflect what them and their activities. We are waiting to see what they will call themselves.

****Betsy Dickinson** reported that the 468-weaving study group has plans to focus on a project based on a chapter in the Davison book.

Strategic planning: no plans to meet right now.

Tech Website: The online directory has been updated so it is easier to search.

Unfinished business: as mentioned above in a motion: We will leave the \$1,400 marked for DFA workshop as a budgeted item.

Google Account: we need a two-factor verification for this account. Not sure how this would work for our situation, with so many users. Kareena is taking all ideas and options to weigh and consider. Send all ideas to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32PM

Additionally: just after the Kromski rigid heddle posting was taken down as to prepare for the raffle (mentioned above) DFA received a reasonable cash offer of \$300. on September 8, 2025. Nancy Klotz moved (via email) that we sell the loom instead of raffling it off. Seconded by MaryAnn Mae. We voted by email: **MOTION PASSED:** we will sell the loom for \$300.

Recorded by

Ord McConaghy

DFA secretary

