

Desert Fiber Arts

Board Meeting

February 25, 2025

A regular board meeting was held on February 25, 2025 at the DFA studio located at 101 North Union St. Suite 208 Kennewick WA 99338

The meeting was called to order by President Kareena Anderson at 1:11PM

**Attending:** Board members: President Kareena Anderson, Co Vice-Presidents Breanne O'Hare and Nancy Klotz, Secretary Ord McConaghy, Past President Betsy Dickinson, and Member-at-Large Sue DeMerchant. Wendy Hahn, Carol Kaminsky, Lisa Saget, and Era Tschebotarjew were also in attendance. Board members absent: Lyn Backe and Chris Love. **We have a quorum.**

**Next meeting** date: Saturday, March 22, 2025 1-3 at the DFA Studio.

Approval of the January board meeting minutes: Sue De Merchant led a discussion regarding our source of sponsorship funds and the intended use of each source. We set aside \$1,400 of a Paul Allen grant to use **for DFA sponsored workshops/speakers**. We also have about \$2,300 from a private donation for sponsorships to the ANWG conference in Yakima. **The \$1400 is for DFA but not for AMWG.** It was moved by Betsy Dickinson and seconded by Sue De Merchant to accept the January minutes with the above correction/ designation. **MOTION PASSED**

### REPORTS

**President:** Kareena reported the non-profit insurance company changed their auto pay system, so she will need to make a manual payment and then sign up for auto in the new system. Heather, the bookkeeper has the treasurer's laptop right now so the \$500. Donation to ANWG (as approved by the board in Jan 2025) has not yet been paid.

**Vice Presidents:** the next DFA General Meeting will be March 1 in the DFA studio. The program will be a video: A Fiber Artists Guide to Color by Laura Bryant. Palette Room, a cool and useful app, will be introduced.

**Secretary:** Thank you to Nancy for filling in as secretary in my absence last month.

**Past President:** no comment

**Members at Large** no comment

**Treasurer:** Besty Dickinson summarized where we are compared to the budgeted amounts: we brought in more than budgeted from the Fall Market, currently we have brought in more membership dues than budgeted. The amount of member donations is below the budget amount.

Current Bank balances:

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| STCU operation account | 46,384.86 |
| STCU awards account    | 3,364.96  |
| Debit Card             | 109.32    |
| Total Bank Accounts    | 49,859.14 |

There is a significant difference between this month's bank balance and the balance reported last month due to Fall Market checks being sent to artists.

### **DECISIONS AND APPROVALS**

Sue De Merchant shared that a visitor dropped in during the Stick and Hooks study group meeting and offered to donate a hand carded, spun, and woven wool blanket that has been in their family. The ancestor, Lowarnce Climkingboard, produced this blanket in 1883. Would the guild like to accept this blanket? Another possible place for this blanket might be the historical museum in Kennewick or possibly the Mary Hill Museum. Sue will present the blanket to the 468 study group. No decision was made. However, most of us were in awe of this blanket.

Carol Kaminsky reports that we have limited storage space at the studio in regards to accepting donations. We have had three donations lately. Everything is ready to be used, or paid forward (donated) the new group in Hermiston, Purlside. Included in a donation was a 32-inch rigid heddle loom donated, Carol recommends that we NOT keep this loom due to its cumbersome size and the number of small pieces involved that would not be good for many different folks using it. Carol recommends she sell it and donate the proceeds to DFA. After some discussion of the price of a new one, the group recommended the asking price be \$450.

Carol Kaminsky shared a report from our webmaster, Terry. The form we are currently using on the website for membership is cumbersome. It would benefit us to change the form and NOT ask for so much information from members. Having our membership as a product in not the best term. We agreed to have Terri, webmaster, continue to simplify the website especially the membership as noted.

Carol Kaminsky asked for approval to lead a Rock Wrapping Workshop for members only. The workshop was approved, there is/will be no cost however, members taking the workshop are encouraged to donate to DFA. Carol will move forward with this workshop.

### **COMMITTEES/PROGRAMS REPORTS**

**Allied Arts Show:** Betsy Dickinson will write a summary of what to watch for next time we do the Allied Arts display.

**ANWG.** Our booth at ANWG is being planned by Karyn Watson and Nancy Klotz. They will hold a ZOOM planning meeting Monday, (Feb 24, 2025). Breanne presented an application for a sponsorship to ANWG for \$200. This application was approved. DFA has committed at total of \$1,200 in ANWG sponsorships from Sharon's Donation funds (\$2300).

**Bilingual Study Group:** The applications for the Paul Allen Grant are coming soon. Nancy has sent the information to Marion H.

**Communications:** Kathy Thorndike is happy to set up zoom meetings however she needs access to a code that is sent to a DFA email that she does not have access to use/open to get the codes she needs. Carol Kaminsky will work with Kathy so that she can access the emails to get these codes.

**Fall Market:** Wendy Hahn is the new chairwoman for fall market. Wendy works full time and badly needs an assistant. Wendy and Kathy Thorndike have set up a Fall Market zoom meeting for the first Sunday in March at 3PM. The date for the Fall Market is November 7 and 8, 2025. It will be held at the CUP church. Nancy Klotz will oversee setting up/arranging for a booth at the Richland Farmers Market about once a month. Kitty Bryant and Betsy Dickinson will be the cashiers/finance team. Nancy suggested that Wendy get the minutes from Susan S fall market meetings. Save the date cards are needed by March.

**GRANTS:** Betsy Dickinson moved that DFA (Marion H) apply for a community accelerator grant, this was seconded by Kareena Anderson MOTION PASSED

**Library:** Lisa Saget reports that book with RED DOTS are for "IN STUDIO USE ONLY!" Lisa will remove the sign out cards of these books and place a sticker that reads "Library use only" inside the books with red dots.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** A discussion ensued regarding the length of the Members-at-Large's terms. We need to elect/ fill the positions at the yearly meeting/ vote. President Kareena assigned each member of the board to find someone to be on the nomination committee.

**Membership:** Nancy Klotz moved that dues remain the same (\$40.00 for new and continuing members and \$5.00 for family add on members) for the 2025/26 year. Betsy Dickinson seconded this motion. **MOTION PASSED**

**Workshops:** Sue De Merchant asked for clarification on a workshop note on the white board. The Besse Bill workshop that was being promoted on the white board was not a DFA workshop but rather part of another exhibition. The message was a reminder to members.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS and NEW BUSINESS**

We have no defined expectations and responsibility for members and a policy of how to handle situations when member do not meet these. A brief discussion ensued.

**DFA mission statement:** the committee has met and is working on some proposed goals and mission statement.

**Change in By Laws vote:** It was moved by Betsy Dickinson and seconded by Sue De Merchant that we put a change of the by law concerning the timing of our regular meeting to a vote to the general membership.

The current language reads:

#### **.01 Regular Meetings**

Unless otherwise rescheduled or postponed by the Board, other regular meeting of the membership will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, or as set from time to time by the Board of Directors, to promote the purposes of the organization.

Suggested Change: (for members to vote on)

#### **.02 Regular Meetings**

Unless otherwise rescheduled or postponed by the Board, regular meeting of the membership will be held monthly at a time and date to be determined by the Board of Directors, to promote the purposed of the organization.

**MOTION PASSED** This change of language regarding general meetings will be on the ballot in the upcoming election.

Recorded by

Ord McConaghy

DFA Secretary