

Desert Fiber Arts Board Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2025

A monthly board meeting for DFA was held on **July 19, 2025** at the DFA studio, 101 N. Union Street, Kennewick, Washington.

The meeting was called to order by president Kareena Anderson at 1:12 PM.

Attending: President Kareena Anderson, co vice-presidents Nancy Klotz and Breanne O'Hare, Secretary Ord McConaghy, Members at Large Karyn Watson, Karen Dodson, and MaryAnn Mae. **WE HAVE A QUORUM**. Also attending: Carol Kaminsky, Melanie McKenna, Cindy Jewel, Lisa Saget. Absent: Betsy Dickinson and Era Tschebotarjew.

Next Meeting: **August 16, 2025 1-3PM** at the studio.

May 17th meeting minutes: It was moved by Ord McConaghy and seconded by Breanne O'Hare to accept the May 17th board meeting minutes as written. **MOTION PASSED**

REPORTS

President: Kareena Anderson stated that the May 31st board meeting minutes were accepted as written via an email vote. This allowed all the banking business to be completed so that Era Tschebotarjew, our new treasurer could start her treasurer's tasks. DFA's ANWG dues have been paid.

Co vice-presidents: Breanne O'Hare is asking if we want the general meetings to be held on the first Saturday of each month. A discussion ensued. She will try to schedule general meeting on the first Saturday of the month. Her first choice for a location will be the Richland Library. The next general meeting will be **Saturday September 6, 2025 10-12 noon**.

Nancy Klotz reports the Fiber and Friends program meets at the Kennewick Library on Union Street on the first Monday of the month is going smoothly. The group has grown and is asking to meet on the first and third Monday of the month. Board members have agreed that it is okay for this group to meet more often.

Secretary: Ord McConaghy extended a warm welcome to the new members at large.

Treasurer: Breanne O'Hare has returned a mailbox key to Ord McConaghy. This key will be passed on to Era Tschebotarjew. Era was not in attendance, Kareena passed around the monthly treasurer's report:

STCU operations Account	42,473.55
STCU Awards Account	3,364.96
Debit card	500.00
Total	46.338.51

Member at Large: Our new members at large have nothing to report.

Membership: Cindy Jewell repost that we currently have 114 members. Cindy honored Carol Kaminsky for her work on the website which made renewing memberships much easier and less complicated. We all acknowledged and appreciated Carol for her work.

DECISIONS/APPROVALS

Workshop Proposal: Cindy Jewell presented a workshop proposal "Fiber Art Bowls: Free Motion Embroidery." She and Karyn Watson will be the instructors. This workshop is for members only. The cost is set at \$40.00. Participants will need a sewing machine that allows the feed dogs to drop and a free motion foot. Nancy Klotz moved that we approve the Fiber Arts Bowl class by Cindy and Karyn as written, leaving the date flexible. The motion was seconded by Karen Dodson. **MOTION PASSED**

Stash Buster Fundraiser: Breanne O'Hare moved that we have a stash buster fundraiser this summer, Karyn Watson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED**

The board discussed possible dates and several ideas regarding how this would look. No further decisions were made. Breanne will compile all the ideas and send them out. Possible dates: August 9 or 10th?

Back door code Change: Ord McConaghy reports that Mounts Lock and Key is scheduled to change the code on Friday July 25 at noon. Ord will pay at the time of service and be reimbursed by DFA.

Paper Cutter Purchase: We have a paper cutter and it has been located so there is no need to purchase another one.

DFA workshops support funds: A brief discussion ensued regarding these funds. The topic is tabled to a subsequent meeting.

COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS

ANWG: Our DFA membership dues to ANWG have been paid.

Communications: Jeanette Mendell will want to take pictures of items for fall market soon.

Community Outreach: Breanne O'Hare reports that Heritage days are scheduled for September 27th at Sacajawea Park.

Eco Friendly and Creative Reuse: MaryAnn has volunteered to manage the DFA Facebook and Instagram accounts. A discussion ensued regarding posting pictures and names on Facebook and Instagram. Nancy Klotz moved that MaryAnn Mae manage the DFA Facebook and Instagram accounts, motion was seconded by Karyn Watson. MOTION PASSED. Carol Kaminsky will talk with Jenifer Ely about this change. The Eco-Friendly group would like to use green tags for 'eco-friendly' items at the fall market this year. MaryAnn is willing to create QR codes for these tase so costumers may learn the story behind the items.

Equipment/Donations: Carol Kaminsky reports that she needs to repost the Kromski Rigid Heddle as it has not yet sold. She suggested that the asking price be lowered.

Study Groups: A discussion about the frequency of volunteer request was held. No decisions were made.

Library: Lisa Saget presented and shared a newly published weaving magazine: WEFT. She inquired about subscribing to this magazine. Yes, she should get a DFA subscription to WEFT.

Tech/Website: Carol Kaminsky reports the following regarding changes/update to DFA website:

1 - The domain names are registered in a Dotster account. Dotster is now part of Network Solutions, so we are seeing emails from Network Solutions. You have two domains in this account: desertfiberarts.com and desertfiberarts.org. The .org domain has the nameservers set to Hostgator and that's where the website is installed. The .com domain does nothing. We should at least consider redirecting it to the .org so it points to the website. I have attached a screenshot of the domains in Dotster/Network Solutions. Note: there is no need to have a separate account for domains. If we move to Dreamhost, I recommend transferring the domains, too. Or we can transfer them to Hostgator now. Why have an extra account to keep track of?

2 - The website is hosted in a Hostgator account. This account also shows a domain called dfabeta.org, but it doesn't seem to exist. I checked ICANN and it does not show any such domain. Most likely, it has expired. The Hostgator account shows that it is an external domain, meaning it was registered in a different account. Maybe Dotster?

3 - The website is in the Hostgator account. There are actually two websites: desertfiberarts.org and "Each One Teach One" which is at learning.desertfiberarts.org. The learning website is not functional

since the LearnDash license has expired. Is there a reason not to delete this website? Are there any materials that need to be downloaded first or were they all created with LearnDash? If you click on any of the tutorials, you just get error messages, so I think they were part of LearnDash.

4 - The hosting account in Hostgator is set to renew in Oct 2026. We have talked about moving to Dreamhost, since they offer free hosting if you are a 501(c)3. But there's no rush, obviously. If you do decide to move to Dreamhost, we should turn off the auto-renew for Hostgator so we don't forget about it.

5 - Emails! I have attached a screenshot of the emails that are set up in Hostgator. It appears that some of these are not being used. The webmaster@ is being forwarded to Linda Bittinger. If you do move to Dreamhost, you will lose access to all these emails and we will have to set them up again in the new account. So before that happens, we should figure out which ones are being used, which ones we can delete (they can always be set up again) and if any of them need to be forwarded to another email. You also have the deesertfiberarts@gmail.com email account.

On another email note: we are still working on trying to make sure all email notifications about member registrations are being sent and received. I have another test/registration to do this week after a recent update.

Carol recommended we follow Terri's (webmaster) advice as she is very good at making things more efficient and effective. We have a deadline for goggle workspace coming soon (October 8th), Carol recommends having a two-step verification system. Kathy Thorndike and Carol will meet and bring suggestions to the next board meeting. Carol Kaminsky will continue to manage our regular DFA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM

Recorded by
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DFA secretary