

Desert Fiber Arts
Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday May 17, 2025

The Desert Fiber Arts regular board meeting was held on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at Desert Fiber Arts Studio

Attending: President Kareena Anderson, Vice presidents Nancy Klotz and Breanne O'Hare, Secretary Ord McConaghy, Members-at-Large Lyn Backe, Sue De Merchant, and Chris Love. Also attending were: Lisa Saget, Carol Kaminsky, and Bruce Nichole. Absent: Betsy Dickinson. We have a quorum.

Meeting was called to order by Kareena Anderson at 1PM.

Next meeting: May 31, 2025 at the Richland Library following our Annual Meeting

Approval of April board meeting minutes: It was moved by Sue De Merchant to approve the April board meeting minutes, seconded by Nancy Klotz. **MOTION PASSED**

REPORTS

President: Kareena needs to finish her weaving for the ANWG conference.

Treasurers Report: STCU accounts balance is \$47,529.01

Vice Presidents: Nancy shared some details regarding the ballots for the upcoming election which will be done electronically.

Nancy and Breanne shared that things are going well for the annual meeting. Some wonderful center pieced are being made by Cindy Jewell. Door prizes are being donated. A fashion show/show and tell has participants, she asks that those who want to participate to sign up ahead of time. A fun game is being planned. There will be more information coming soon regarding the potluck in a BLAST.

Past President: Betsy Dickinson is not in attendance today.

Members-at-Large: Lyn Backe reports that the Afghan, from the Sticks and Hooks group is coming along and will be ready for fall market. Chris Love sends encouragement to the new Members-at Large.

DECISIONS/APPROVALS

Mission and Vision Statements:

Mission:

Desert Fiber Arts Guild's Mission is to preserve, share and promote fiber arts through education, collaboration, outreach, and sustainable practices.

Vision:

Desert Fiber Arts Guild strives to create a thriving, inclusive community of fiber enthusiasts, connecting generations, celebrating creativity, honoring sustainability, and inspiring positive change.

It was moved by Ord McConaghy that we accept/adopt the Mission and Vision statements (above) as written. The motion was seconded by Nancy Klotz. **MOTION PASSED**

Grant Application. In Marion's absence, Ord McConaghy moved that the application for the Paul Allen Community Accelerator grant be approved and submitted as written, seconded by Nancy Klotz. **MOTION PASSED**

COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS

ANWG: Nancy Klotz reports a Moc up of the Desert Fiber Arts booth for ANWG conference is being set up in the front room of the studio. Committee members will continue to work on it until it is time to pack it up and take it to Yakima. We have some new 'save that date' cards for our fall sale.

Community outreach: Breanne reports there is a community outreach event at Robert Frost Elementary in Pasco from 5-7 PM. She would appreciate any volunteers to demonstrate a project. Era Tschebotarjew was able to help at the last event.

Equipment Donations: Carol Kaminsky reports that we still have a 32-inch Kromsky rigid heddle loom for sale with no takers yet. It was listed on the ANWG site; we might have a buyer. The price is 'best offer'. How low can we go? \$250-\$300 was agreed by the group. Carol would like to purchase a spinning wheel. We have three on hand; one

is miserable and Carol would like to get rid of the other two. Yes, all agreed as we want members to have a good experience.

Facilities/studio Manager: Bruce Nichols reports that all looks good.

Fall Market: the next committee meeting is on May 18 at 3PM.

Membership: 53 members have renewed so far for the 2025/26 year.

Newsletter: Jade Kelly is doing a great job.

Study Groups: Sue De Merchant, leader of the sticks and hooks study group asks: Are we trying to do too much? Members are already busy volunteering in other aspects of their lives. A long discussion ensued with no decisions.

Tech/website: Carol Kaminsky reports that we have moved away from older costly plug-ins to clearer less expensive ones. Carol likes the improvement. Our webmaster is cost effective and affordable.

Unfinished business: Regarding the \$1,400 we set aside for DFA workshops, Sue De Merchant asks, do we want these funds to disappear when they are used up or to continue (by perpetuating the fund) to support future DFA members in DFA workshops? A discussion ensued. No decisions were made.

Meeting adjourned 2:35 PM

Recorded by

Ord McConaghy

DFA secretary