

DESERT FIBER ARTS
Regular Board Meeting

November 22, 2025

Desert Fiber Arts board of directors held a regular monthly meeting on November 22, 2025 at the DFA studio, located at 101 N. Union Street, Suite 108 in Kennewick, WA.

Attending: President Kareena Anderson, past president Betsy Dickinson, Vice presidents Brianna, O'Hare and Nancy Klotz, Secretary Ord McConaghy, Members at Large Karyn Watson, Karen Dodson. Also attending: Lisa Saget, Wehdy Hahn, Sue De Merchant, Susan Schmieman. Board member absent: member at large MaryAnn Mae and treasurer Era Tschebotarjew. **We have a quorum.**

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

It was moved by Nancy Klotz and seconded by Betsy Dickinson to approve the October board meeting minutes. **MOTION PASSED**

We do no plan to meet in December: January board meeting will be Jan 24 1-3PM in the studio.

Reports

President: Kareena reports that the contract with ADT has been signed again. There was a small modification made to the original contract. ADT is working on getting a date to start the installation of our new lock system for the doors of our studio. An inventory of fall market props and general supplies in in progress. DFA supplies and tools are for use in the studio and DFA group activities.

Vice Presidents: In preparation for our December Holiday meeting/party our vice presidents are looking for some members to volunteer their decoration and table cloths. There will be an ornament gift exchange (about a \$5. Value). Ornaments may be purchased or made. Brown grocery bags are needed for the craft. This is a potluck so be thinking about what food dish you want to bring. Please bring tablecloths to the studio prior to the Dec 6 meeting at the Richland Library 10-1PM. Bring center pieces to the event.

Martha's Cupboard and Landlady donations: As a thank you to Central Church in Richland for hosting our Fall Market, we are collecting donation to add to their Martha's Cupboard. There is a donation box in the studio, the donation box will also be at the December meeting in the Richland Library.

Name Tags are not on the wall at the studio as they are packed to take to DFA December meeting at the Richland library.

Internet Service Price Investigation: Nancy reports that Spectrum is charging us a high rate for our internet service, she found out that this rate may be negotiable.

Treasurer: Era says that Fall Market payment to artists have gone out.

DFA Financial Summary as of October 31st:

<u>OVERVIEW</u>		<u>Notable income</u>	
		<u>Notable expenses</u>	
Total Assets:	\$48,680.50		Community Accelerator Grant
\$2,500.		Spectrum	\$110.
Income:	\$3,531.90		Fall Market Afghan Raffle (as of 10/31)
\$255.	Nonprofit insurance	\$159.39	
Loss:	\$1,554.13		Fall Market Workshop
\$300.	Everstar Realty (utilities)	\$573.70	
Net Income:	\$1,977.77		Member Donations
\$361.	PUD (utilities)	\$114.36	

Fall Market Summary (These are not the final figures)

Afghan Raffle: \$884.00

Donations Sales: \$1,279

Member sales: \$13,730.

Paid to members: \$10,797.30

Donated to DFA \$2,932.70

Cash Tips at Register: \$159.

Past President: Betsy updated the board regarding the status of a guest.

Secretary: Ord thanked Karyn Watson for doing a great job recording the minutes of the October board meeting. Ord will follow through with the next steps.

Members at Large: no comments

DECISIONS/APPROVALS

Member sponsorship form: Betsy shared the form.

Carol Kaminsky is asking that we use events@desertfiberarts.org for calendar related email. The board approved the use of this email.

Set guidelines for items in the next fall Market: Susan Schmieman led a discussion regarding items in the fall market. Some of the points of the discussion were: items that were in previous fall market that did not sell; should they be in the next fall market? Artists need to write better descriptions, the use of commercial fabric? We need to be consistent regarding what is accepted, discounting prices of DFA items late on Saturday? These issues need to be discussed at the fall market committee meetings. No decisions were made.

Printed Directories for 2025/2026 year: The policy was reviewed. A member may request a printed copy. Sue De Merchant requested a printed copy.

Workshop: Cindy Jewell and Karyn Watson would like to conduct a Fiber Bowls workshop. The suggested donation to DFA is \$15. (note this is different from the application). Nancy Klotz moved that the Fiber Bowl workshop, with the suggested donation to DFA of \$15. Be approved, seconded by Ord McConaghy. **MOTION PASSED**

Grants: Marion Halupczok reports that our SAM number needs to be renewed. Organizations need a SAM number to apply for grants. A second contact person is required this year. Era Tschebotarjew is the second contact person.

Green Star Awards MaryAnn has a sponsor for our green star awards for the eco friendly group. We will have more information from her at the January meeting. Susan Schmieman shared that the eco-friendly group is thinking of having a fun workshop/get together for fun.

Library: Lisa Saget reports that Kitty Bryant's book has arrived, it is at the post office but it should be ready for checkout later this week.

Allied Arts: we need a chairperson for this event/activity.

Meeting adjourned 3:08

Recorded by

Ord McConaghy

DFA secretary

