

DESERT FIBER ARTS
Regular Board Meeting
January 24, 2026

The board of directors of Desert Fiber Arts held a regular meeting on January 24, 2026 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, and Carol Kaminski, and Kathy Thorndike. Board member absent: member at large MaryAnn Mae and treasurer Era Tschebotarjew. **We have a quorum.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 by President Kareena Anderson.

It was moved by Nancy Klotz and seconded by Betsy Dickinson to approve the November 2025 board meeting minutes. **MOTION PASSED**

Next Board meeting: February 21st 1-3PM in the studio.

Reports

President: Kareena shared the inventory notebook of most of the fall market supplies. This notebook will make it easy to find and store fall market supplies. She plans a few more work parties to inventory all DFA stored items. Kareena has purchased new door alarms that will sound in the workroom rather at the door. We can control the volume and the tone that is played when the door is opened. She also purchased doorbell for the front door. We need two new clocks for the studio. We would like, auto DST feature, possibly an atomic clock, digital presentation.

Vice presidents: Breanne O'Hare shared the next general meeting will be February 7 at the Richland library (10-12). We discussed that date of the annual meeting in May to help Breanne plan; we decided on May 30. Nancy Klotz asked that we purchase a sound system, with a headset mic for meetings as we have folks who are hard of hearing. She also introduced a new organization, a non-profit, PNW Fiber Connect. The dues for joining are \$50/year. Nancy Klotz moved that we join PNW Fiber Connect for \$50/year, seconded by Betsy Dickinson. **MOTION PASSED**

Treasurer's Report: STCU Operations Account 46,9793.53

STCU – Awards Account	3,264.96
STCU- Debit Card	825.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	51,069.49

Secretary: Ord McConaghy updated the board on the new door security project. ADT was in the studio before the holiday and install a portion of the new system. The lock smith was in the studio on Jan 14 and have complete all their portion of this project. We are waiting for ADT (out of the Spokane area) to schedule the remainder of the work. In the meantime, with the new handle on the back door that automatically locks when the door closes, members are NOT able to use the back door for a while. The front door will open with the key, as usual.

Members at Large: Karyn Watson reports that she and Cindy Jewell held the Fiber Bowl workshop. They consider it success. It brought people from different groups together. There were 8 participants who were asked for a \$15. Donation to DFA. Kareena mentioned she received several positive comments regarding the workshop. Lois and Pam are thinking of doing a Fiber Jewelry workshop. We discussed that perhaps board member can support by helping members, who express interest in putting on workshop, with the paper work. We need more fun social workshops like this one. Nancy mentioned she will try to contact the lady from Walla Walls about a workshop on the to Process Wool.

DECISIONS/APPROVALS

National Alpaca Day at Sandollar Farm: Located on Washington street in Kennewick is September 26 9am-4pm. Volunteers are need to demonstrate, set up a small table, banner, display etc. Karyn Watson is willing be the coordinator for this event. Ord McConaghy moved that DFA get involved in National Alpaca Day at the Sandollar Farm in Kennewick, Karen Dodson 2 seconded. **MOTION PASSED**

Handweaver Guild of America: (HGA) It is time to renew our membership; dues are \$58 for one year or \$100 for two years. Betsy Dickinson moved the renew DFA membership in HGA for two years for \$100, seconded by Nancy Klotz. **MOTION PASSED**

ARTS Fund: - Financial Clarity for Sustainability is on February 11, 2026 10 – 11:30AM.

Financial Committee: volunteers are needed to visit the bank to seek information on how to best manage our funds.

COMMITTEES/PROGRAM REPORTS

Communication: Kathy Thorndike discussed a problem with Zoom and got things clarified.

Eco-Friendly and creative reuse Committee: Susan Schieman would like consistent monthly ZOOM meetings at 10AM on the second Saturday of the month. These regular meetings will be put on the calendar.

Equipment/donations: Carol Kaminski has been in contact with Don Griven who would like to donate Nancy's collection to DFA and members. There are two looms, an eight-shaft table loom and a rigid heddle that Carol has accepted. After this 8-shaft table loom has arrived, Carol would like to sell on the Rasmussen looms. Don would like to invite members to his house to take from Nancy's stash. As to not over whelm Don, Carol has developed a plan on how to do this when he is ready for this step. The board is good with this plan. Nancy Girven will be missed.

Tech/Website: Carol Kaminisky recommends that we choose a 5-day period where Blaster is completely logged off and out of service for our membership. During this time Carol will clean it up and make some changes (move the calendar to the Events Account). The board agreed to this. Currently our website is being backed up to the DFA Gmail account Carol would like that moved to the webmaster account. That would give Terry access to work on the website. We agreed to this change.

Fall market: The Central Church has approved our request to use their facilities as we have in the past, for our Fall Market. Kareena Anderson will be the Fall Market Chairperson for 2026. Nancy Klotz volunteered to be on the committee.

Library: Lisa Saget says she is trying to coordinate with programs and workshops to put books out that relate to the topic.

Community Outreach: Breanne is busy doing a demonstration on spinning for second graders at:

Ord McConaghy is involved with teaching a group of third, fourth, and fifth grade students how to weave on Wednesday afternoon. The students are excited to learn and have had many good questions. Some comments from students: "can I have another turn," when do I get to weave again," "now I want a loom," "this is a lot easier that it looks," "this is Fun.," "this is better than social studies." Out of the mouth of babes.

Breanne O'Hare: since it has been quite cold with dreary skies lately, Breanne surprised us with a crock-pot full of delicious Taco soup to warm up before we headed back home. She served tortilla chips, shredded cheese, sour cream, and a cinnamon/sweet desert with the hot soup.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:57PM

Recorded by

Ord McConaghy

DFA secretary.