

DESERT FIBER ARTS
Regular Board Meeting

March 14, 2026

The board of directors of Desert Fiber Arts held a regular meeting on March 14, 2026 at president Kareena Anderson's house located at 6617 Eagle Crest Dr, Pasco WA.

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

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

It was moved by Betsy Dickinson and seconded by MaryAnn Mae to accept the January 2026 board meeting minutes. **MOTION PASSED**

It was moved by Betsy Dickinson and seconded by Nancy Klotz to accept the February board meeting minutes. **MOTION PASSED>**

Next Board meeting: Sunday, April 26 1-3PM in the studio.

Reports

President: Kareena Anderson summarized the status of the recent flood at the DFA studio. An excess of water was discovered in the restroom at the studio at the end of the Rigid Heddle Study Group. Within an hour, Kareena called numerous plumbers for estimates. Campbell and Company could be at the studio in a reasonable time frame and had a reasonable rate. The shut off valve to the toilet was frozen and required replacement. The water shut off valve for our unit is located out of reach in the ceiling. A hot water heater was discovered in the ceiling as well. The plumber replaced the valve for the toilet, fixed leaking seals in the toilet, reset the toilet and checked the shut off valves under each sink. The sink shut offs were in good shape. The Campbell and Company Plumber discovered the lead had flooded the front room and the wall as well. Their recommended water mitigation specialist, from Robinson Restoration, estimated

the cost at \$3,500 to \$5,500 to dry out the flooded areas and remove the wet material. Currently, the bathroom and front right corner are sealed off with fans and dehumidifiers are working to dry the area. Karyn Watson has been attending the studio while the crews worked on solving the problem. After some discussion, the board decided to get estimates to relocate the main water shut off to a more reasonable location and a new hot water heater as it is suspected the current one is aging. Kathy Thorndike will notify the study groups that the studio is not available until further notice.

Vice President: There were about 24 members attending the March general meeting. The program was wonderful. The next general meeting will be at the Richland Public Library on April 4 10AM – noon. Kitty Bryant will be the presenter. She just published her book, Knitting with Variegated Yarn, and will talk about it. She is willing to do a workshop at the Allied Arts in January 2027. She has several prepared workshops. The Annual Meeting will be May 30, 2025, at the Richland Public Library 9:30- 1PM. We will have a potluck.

Past President: no report

Secretary no report

Treasurer Era was absent.

Members-at-Large: MaryAnn reports that Carol, leader of the Rigid Heddle Study group would like more Rigid Heddle Looms in our equipment library. It was suggested that we might ask member if anyone has a loom they are not using, would they like to donate?

COMMITTEES AND PROGRAM REPORTS

Allied Arts: we still need a chairperson. Betsy will write an article for the next newsletter.

Assets: the inventory list arrived from the County. The committee will meet soon to amend the list as needed.

Financial Committee: Betsy reports the committee will be meeting with the staff at STCU regarding our accounts.

Fall Market: Kareena Anderson has volunteered to be the Fall Market Committee Chairperson.

Library: Lisa is working hard to maintain our plentiful library

Quilt Show: Karyn Watson says she has plenty of room for more volunteers, to demonstrate and connect with the public.

UNIFINISHED BUSINESS

ADT. The system is installed however the bill has not been paid as we are waiting for some answers to a few questions.

Smoke detectors: MaryAnn purchased smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for the studio.

Kennewick Fire Department Inspection: Nancy Klotz has arranged for a representative from KFD to inspect our space for safety on Tuesday March 17.

PWN connect: Kareena checked into this. We are not signed up yet. Membership cost \$50/year. Since we are not yet signed up, it was suggested that we wait and watch to see how this group develops for a year.

Headset and Microphone: Nancy Klotz discussed a couple units she explored. No decision was made.

Internet at the studio: Era reports (via email) that Spectrum check out our system and found that things were working fine.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07PM

Recorded by

Ord McConaghy