

DANCING SPIRIT

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

IGNACIO, COLORADO

Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes • April 18, 2023 • 6:00 PM

Call to Order 6:31

Attendance:

Anthony Box

Present Excused

Caryl Helmin

Present Excused

Jenny Silva

Present Excused

Joanne Gantt

Present **Excused**

Jakob Box

Present Excused

Mikayla Robinson

Present Excused

Kasey Correia, ED

Present Excused

Dancing Spirit's Mission is to provide a community arts center that enhances creativity and fellowship; that promotes the education, appreciation and enjoyment of the arts; and that celebrates the cultural heritage of our population.

1. Approval of Agenda
Additions & Changes. Changes to names and date fixed
Motion Caryl Helmin
2nd Jakob box
Approved / Not Approved / Tabled
2. Approval of March 2023 Minutes
Motion Mikayla Robinson
2nd Caryl Helmin
Approved / Not Approved / **Tabled**
3. Approval of March Financials
 - a. Artist Sales \$790.22
 - b. General \$877.22
 - c. Savings \$75,769.35
 - d. 1st SW \$10,000.00
 - e. \$2500 not in the bank – LPEA kid's programmingMotion Caryl Helmin
2nd Jakob Box
Approved / Not Approved / Tabled
4. Ongoing Business
Permanent Building
Update on building
Update on Town of Ignacio
Enterprise Zone Updates
1st Southwest Bank Building Loan Update
Gallery Update
See Attached Directors Report
5. Grant Update (Bobbi Hall) See attached report

6. New Business
 - a. Review Name Change
Board approved name change through email.
 - b. Review Mission Statement
Mission statement will be worked on during the board retreat.

7. Public Comment None

8. Next Meeting: 5/21/2023

9. Adjourn Meeting: (time)7:05

Dancing Spirit Secretary
Joanne Gantt

Date _____

4/18/2023

Dancing Spirit Director's Report

Since Our Last Meeting

It's been a rough month leaving me tired, and burned out but the warm days and sunshine has me perking up. Our classes are finally growing and the word is getting out and we keep inching along on the building. We've had Dare to Be You and ROAR both reach out for meetings as well. I'm looking forward to the board retreat on the 21st and am expecting some good direction and input.

Building Update

Lots of changes were needed on the plans that were submitted to the Town of Ignacio for review. The Clear Heart Designs team have made the changes and will resubmit them. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not waive the tap fees.

- o Clear Heart Designs \$11,910
- o James van Liere \$600
- o We will still have April's bill.

Programs

Building Bridges Through Art—

- Kid's N' Creativity - attendance in the Friday afternoon class increased (18 kids last Friday!) with the addition of BGC students.
- o Camp Creative - We already have two students registered for the June Camp Creative. Information has gone out with Team Up (6 scholarships for each session are provided by Team Up) and the class is listed on the website.

- o Pre-K classes at SUIMA are continuing to go well. We had a meeting about the 2023-2024 school year with Mari Jo and Gabriella and they have decided they want us to continue teaching clay here at the DS campus.
- o Boys & Girls Club — Meeting about the summer program. Details are TBD but the discussion was about having them come twice a week over the summer.
- o SoCoCAA — After School Pottery club on Wednesdays for 4 weeks
- o IHS Therapeutic Arts — averaging 2-4 students weekly

Adult Pottery - New session began on April 5th. We have more students joining and have hosted a birthday party and a private class for Comfort Keepers as a team building activity.

Gallery sales have increased over the last month. Cindy Shelton and Anthony have joined the gallery and Cindy is hosting weekly painting classes at the gallery.

Public Art —due to construction, the flags installation has been delayed. Ignacio Schools has reached out about an Earth Day and will be painting canvases to install on the art corner on April 20th . HCCA is still planning on painting the street flags at the end of their school year.

Other - We will need teachers for the upcoming programs and time to get them trained.

Networking/Outreach

Upcoming opportunities to reach out and network include an Alumni event with Colorado Creative Industries and Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) in Durango. Both will be happening in June, and RPD will also be doing a site visit with Edward Box III leading a tour of several nonprofits here in Ignacio.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Needs
5/6/2023 12pm — 4pm	Bake Sale at Farmers Fresh	Volunteers to bake and to man booths (Farmers fresh is allowing us space at both the front and the back of the store)
5/14/2023	Mother's Day Gallery Fundraiser (clay birds sold at Ignacio Floral and the gallery)	
6/12 - 6/16	June Camp Creative	
6/17/2023 4pm — 7pm	Fox Fire — Fill Your Plate Fundraiser	Pottery class is making plates, we need help glazing and selling/help with silent auction at the event.
June, July & Aug	First Friday at the Art Gallery	
7/10 - 7/14	July Camp Creative	

8/14 - 8/18	August Camp Creative	
TBD	Back to School Block Party	
9/1-9/4	Four Corners Motorcycle Rally	Volunteers to help with checking in bikers and holding a booth
9/2/2023	Green Chili Festival	Booth
12/1/2023	Fill Your Bowl at the ELHI	Volunteers to throw, paint and sell bowls, volunteers for soup and bread

Recognition

Thank you so much to Tammy Winterhawk! She has been helping in every area — Saturday classes, Fill your Plate, kids classes etc! It has been wonderful having her help!

Current Needs

We need volunteers for the earth day murals with IHS, for the bake sale on May 6th and for glazing plates for fill your plate.

Summary

April has come in like a lion and I'm hoping it goes out like a lamb! Our connections and visibility continues to grow and the remainder of spring and this summer, although a little overwhelming, looks promising. Our programs continue to develop and we continue to move forward on the building plans. Our summer events are looming on the horizon and I am looking forward to everyone pitching in to make this season a success!

Grant report to the Board of Directors

Gila Business Consulting: gilaconsulting@gmail.com

April 18, 2023

Upcoming proposals to be submitted :

Operating Funds:

- NEA Challenge America — April 27 deadline

Capital Campaign :

- Moniker Foundation \$10, 000 in capital funds o Kerr Foundation LOI up to \$50k in capital funds o RC Baker Foundation — up to \$50k in building funds
- NEA Challenge America — May deadline

Proposals submitted and actions taken since last board meeting Capital Campaign :

- Frankenthaler Climate Initiative LOX: request for \$81, 200 to cover costs for purchase and installation of 100 solar panels on new Arts Center. ● Response to clarification request from Patrick Rondinelli at DOLA for REDI proposal .
- Initial contact made with Amanda Graham, president of the

Southern Colorado Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals notifying her of DS seeking a Development Professional to move the donor portion of the capital campaign forward. An initial meeting is set for 10 am on 4/20 .

- Research for 2023/24 started with Instrument 1 (a 14—day free trial) , research started through Grantsforus . i o. A new list of grant resources will be completed soon.

Funds received/Designations/meetings Operating Funds :

4/17 LPEA Education grant \$2, 500

4/6 United Way TeamUP funding for summer art camp scholarships - \$4, 000

Not funded/pending

Southern Ute Growth Fund – responded that they will go forward with the town and so far are not providing assistance. AARP Purpose Prize – declined.