

Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts

Board Agenda & Minutes

May 21, 2023

Call to Order 10:15

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

No changes made.

Motion: Jenny Silva

2nd : Joanne Gantt

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

2. Approval of March minutes

Motion: Joanne Gantt

2nd : Jakob Box

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

3. Approval of minutes for April 2023

Motion: Caryl Helmin

2nd : Joanne Gantt

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

4. Approval of Financials for April 2023

Artist Sales \$601.85 General Acct \$11,852.75 Savings \$29,112.35 1st National \$10,000.00

Motion: Caryl Helmin

2nd : Jenny Silva

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Action Items

Approval of new Gallery Contract for rental of teaching space. List of duties and responsibilities for person renting the gallery for classes.

Motion: _____

2nd : _____

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Approval for Kasey to sign building construction contract.

Motion: Joanne Gantt

2nd : Jenny Silva

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Approval for Kasey to sign grant contracts. Without board approval, unless the grant calls for it.

Motion: Jakob Box

2nd : Jenny Silva

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Grant Update

Approval to sign Harris Foundation grant contract was done through board txt. All board members approved of the signing of the contract. See attached sheet.

Grant up date see attached sheet.

Dancing Spirit Director's Report

Since Our Last Meeting

It's a time of transition. Our school collaborations are winding down for the summer, and we are looking forward to summer camps and what will hopefully be a lot of new contacts through the Team Up Scholarship program. The baked goods at the bake sale came and went with a total profit of \$530 – thank you all SO MUCH for your support!

Building Update

□ We paid the fees for the building permit, utilities and excavation to the town and the electric fees to LPEA on 5/10/2023. As I write this, the ground was broken by the town to install the sewer line. We are currently facing challenges with meeting deadlines. The town cannot issue a building permit without the land use being posted by the town for 15 days. Currently, if no one opposed, the permit can be issued on May 30th. If it is opposed, it goes back to the town planning commission for appeal on June 7th. The \$500k from CCI and the \$410k construction loan cannot be completed until we get a building permit. That said, IDR can start the project under the excavation permit.

Programs

Building Bridges Through Art–

- The majority of the current programming is ending with the end of the school year.
- Camp Creative - We already have 4 students registered for the June Camp Creative, two with a Team Up Scholarship. 15 more interested families (some with multiple children) are interested and have been approved to Team Up. We are waiting to receive their registrations.
- 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.

Adult Pottery – The 8 week instructional sessions have ended for the summer. Open Studio on Saturdays will continue.

Gallery sales continue to slowly increase. Cindy is hosting weekly painting classes at the gallery. The card making class taught by Jessica is currently not being taught.

Public Art –due to construction, the flags installation has been delayed and HCCA will not be able to paint flags. The Art Corner has the Earth Day canvases up from Ignacio High School and Middle School.

Other - We will need teachers for the upcoming programs (2023-2024) and time to get them trained.

Networking/Outreach

See Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Needs
5/31-6/2	Change Leader Conference – Crested Butte	Good networking opportunity, part of CCI and a program I attended in 2019
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. Dusty Saddle has agreed to pay for \$500 and tickets are available online for \$45
June, July & Aug	First Friday at the Art Gallery	
6/7-6/9	Rural Philanthropy Days (held in our region every 4 years – this year is in Durango)	Bobbi and I will be attending. Offers chances for training and meeting with funders. There will also be a tour of Ignacio including the ELHI.

7/10 – 7/14	July Camp Creative	
8/5/2023	Lipbone Redding from North Carolina	This will be another fundraiser – we are still working on details, but have worked with Lipbone at 755 Goddard and at ELHI previously
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 Anthony Box for being so readily available for discussions and questions, but also for donating his time to create several wonderfully stenciled plates for the upcoming Fill-Your-Plate fundraiser. Thank you also to Jenny, Carol, Shawna, Cheryl, Jakob and Mikayla for all their work on the bake sale!

Current Needs

Keep bragging about Dancing Spirit! Rah, Rah!

Summary

May/June is a season of transitions. Programs are slowing, but hopefully the building will be drastically ramping up soon. We are using our small amount of down time to get things organized and ready to move forward as well as to keep Dancing Spirit as a buzzword in our community and beyond.

Next Board Meeting

June 20, 2023

Meeting adjourned at

11:07

Dancing Spirit Secretary

Joanne Gantt

_____ Date _____