

# Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts

## Board Agenda & Minutes

### July 18,2023

Call to Order 6:20

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

Add IDR Contract for board approval.

A Dancing Spirit Loan From Kasey Correia & Melody Hedin

Motion: Jakob Box

2<sup>nd</sup> : Mikayla Robinson

**Approved** / Not Approved / Tabled

Let the minutes show that Caryl Helmin has given board president Anthony Box the right to vote on item on her behalf. See attached email.

#### 2. Approval of May minutes

Motion: Mikayla Robinson

2<sup>nd</sup> : Jakob Box

**Approved** / Not Approved / Tabled

#### 3. Approval of financials May 2023

Motion: Caryl Helmin

2<sup>nd</sup> : Jakob Box

**Approved** / Not Approved / Tabled

#### 4. Approval of Financials for June 2023

Motion: Mikayla Robinson

2<sup>nd</sup> : Jakob Box

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

## Action Items

Sustainability of Gila consulting services grant writing contract. Sustainability and review.

After Discussion the Dancing spirit board chose to option its 30 notice and end its contract with Gila consulting services. Since Dancing spirit was way over budget for its grant writer. The budget allowed for \$500 a month and DS had been paying \$900+ a month

Motion: Joanne Gantt

2<sup>nd</sup> : Mikayla Robinson

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Consecration of grant writer Kayla

The DS board looked over the information for a new grant write and approved to move forward with Kayla as the new DS grant writer and the budgeted amount of \$500 monthly

Motion: Jakob Box

2<sup>nd</sup> : Joanne Gantt

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Amanda Griffon contract

This item was tabled as the DS board wished to have more clear information on this contract

Motion: Joanne Gantt

2<sup>nd</sup> : Jakob Box

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Review of women's sun dance go-fund me pass through.

Women's Sun Dance pass through was approved with the understanding that in the future they need to present their ask for this to the board ahead of any fundraiser going active.

Motion: Joanne Gantt

2<sup>nd</sup> : Mikayla Robinson

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Signing of the IDR contract on the new building build.

Board approved for Kasey Correia, ED to sign the building contract with IDR

Motion: Joanne Gantt

2<sup>nd</sup> : Anthony Box

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

DS Spirit Loan from Kasey Correia & Melody Hedin. The amount of \$52,344.00 to be repaid after the building completion. A contract will be written up between the DS board and Melody Hedin, and Kasey Corriea.

Motion: Joanne Gantt

2<sup>nd</sup> : Jakob box

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

## Grant Update

See attached sheet.

## Dancing Spirit Director's Report

See attached sheet.

Next Board Meeting

August 22,2023

Meeting adjourned at

8:02

Dancing Spirit Secretary

Joanne Gantt

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Grant report to the Board of Directors**

Gila Business Consulting: [gilaconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:gilaconsulting@gmail.com)

June 26, 2023

### **Upcoming proposals to be submitted:**

#### *Operating Funds:*

- Patrick and Donna Martin Family Foundation – no deadline, letter proposal
- Brooks and Joan Fortune Family Foundation: \$10,000.
- Kenneth King Foundation: \$10,000, deadline Sept. 1. A conversation was held with Janice Fritsch on June 19 to discuss potential funding. Janice responded favorably to the concept of proposing support to the Blue Gallery for support of the Gallery Manager and for the gallery as support to artists as entrepreneurs.

#### *Capital Campaign:*

- El Pomar possibility – a conversation was held with Erica Oakley-Courage and Bobbi Hall on June 20 to discuss the new Arts Center. Erica stated that she would meet with a group of the trustees to discuss the possibility of allowing DS to submit a proposal outside of their 3 year limit.

### **Proposals submitted and actions taken since last board meeting:**

#### *Operating Funds:*

- Colorado Trust - \$5,000 request to their Rural Philanthropy Days RFP.

#### *Capital Campaign:*

##### *Sponsorship:*

- Colorado Trust - \$2,000 for support of Fill Your Bowl for Art 2023.

### **Funds received/Designations/meetings**

- Rural Philanthropy Days attended/discussions with many foundation funders and potential donors.
- Moniker Foundation: \$10,000 for the new Arts Center.
- Upcoming funding: Colorado Creative Industries/Colorado Creates year 2 funding: \$6,500 due in July.

### **Not funded/pending**

Mid-year grant report:

Proposals still pending:

- Duncan Charitable Trust (Wells Fargo): request for \$20k/Art Education submitted on 2/1/23.
- Hughes Charitable Trust (Wells Fargo): request for \$25k/Art Education submitted on 2/1/23.
- McInnes Charitable Trust (Wells Fargo): request for \$35k/Art Education submitted on 2/1/23
- Hermanowski LOI: \$10k/Art Education submitted on 3/7/23: no response.
- Sorenson Legacy Foundation: \$20k/Art Education (program with HCCA) submitted on 5/18: no response.

- Frankenthaler Climate Initiative: \$81k for solar on new building: response expected in July.
- Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation: \$6k/Art Education submitted 5/17/23: no response yet.
- Colorado Trust: \$2k/Fill Your Bowl for Art Sponsorship: response due August.
- Colorado Trust: \$5k/Rural Philanthropy Days/General Operations: response due July.

**Total amount of 2023 requests to date:** \$683,200.

**Total amount received to date:** \$199,500.

**Total amount denied to date:** \$275,000.

**Total amount pending to date:** \$208,700.

## **Grant Management**

### *Reports submitted:*

- CCI/IDF: First Quarterly report to OEDIT on use of Revitalization funds.

### *Reports pending:*

- Bartig Small Foundation – report to Southwest Community Foundation for \$500 in general operating funds.
- Report to capital funders with current building progress, amount of funds received, current funding needs, and an invitation to July event.

## **Dancing Spirit Director's Report**

### **Since Our Last Meeting**

Hello DS Board Members! We've had a busy month since our last board meeting. Things are moving on the building, we've had our first summer classes and of course, our BIG Fill Your Plate fundraiser.

### **Building Update**

- There is movement in that big hole in the ground! Footers are complete, and stem walls should be done by July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to a blessing ceremony (affectionately titled the Dream Maker Rising Ceremony) on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am.
- Money has been received from Moniker (\$10k), and there currently is \$530k in the 1<sup>st</sup> SW Bank account (\$10k Moniker, \$10k from TBK, and our original \$10k).
- Todd Gaver was paid \$13,644 from the TBK savings account for the April, May and part of the June invoices.

- We currently need to fundraiser \$62k+ to meet the \$1.2k starting number for the building.

## Programs

### Building Bridges Through Art–

- Camp Creative - We had low attendance for Camp Creative, with two registered with scholarships that never attended. July’s camp will be coming up next. There are currently 5 registered.
- Ignite Gymnastics did a clay critters class with 20 children in attendance
- Boys & Girls Club – Boys and Girls Club has been attending art classes every Monday and Friday from 10:00-11:30. We will continue to have them until August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Southern Ute Ed will be coming in for a 2 day drum making class on July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

Adult Pottery –Open Studio on Saturdays is continuing through the summer.

Gallery sales were \$340.50 (double last month). June is slow, especially with the construction going on.

Public Art –due to construction, there are no new public art installations

Other - We 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
6/17/2023 4pm – 7pm	Fox Fire – Fill Your Plate Fundraiser  UPDATE	\$2662 raised through online tickets (\$495), and tickets & silent auction items on site. The band was sponsored at \$500 by Pinion Liquors and the food cost \$262.00. The total raised was \$2400
June, July & Aug	First Friday at the Art Gallery	Currently unscheduled due to road work
7/4/2023	Fourth of July Parade/Craft Fair (Bayfield)	Does DS want a booth?
7/10 – 7/14	July Camp Creative	
7/26/2023	Rising Ceremony for the New Building	11am, invitations will be mailed out
8/5/2023	Lipbone Redding from North Carolina	This will be another fundraiser – Foxfire is donating the venue space (4-7pm), KSUT will be broadcasting and JTM music will be sponsoring Lipbone. We need to work out details about food.
8/14 – 8/18	August Camp Creative	

TBD	Back to School Block Party	
8/21/2023	School Starts	
9/2/2023	Green Chile Festival	DS will have a 10x10 booth
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/Parade	DS will have a booth, do we want to take part in the parade?
UNKNOWN	Bayfield Heritage Days	Another opportunity for outreach with a booth/parade entry.
12/1/2023	Fill Your Bowl at the ELHI	Volunteers to throw, paint and sell bowls, volunteers for soup and bread

### Recognition

Our MVP for plates with Tammy Winterhawk! She learned so much and helped us immensely! Thank you also to Anthony Box, Charlotte & Ken Reed, Shawna Hein and many more.

### Current Needs

Our main needs are developing donor funding for long term success, and being able to get consistent staff meetings scheduled (this will be especially important as the school year approaches) to help keep marketing, programming and fundraising on track.

### Summary

June has started off with a bang! Progress is being made on the building, we are learning new things about fundraising and are taking strides toward realizing the future of Dancing Spirit. Classes are moving along a little slower than we had hoped, but they are still moving and our vision of the future of DS is becoming more real. Our goal this summer is to keep on keepin' on.

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Fri, Jul 14,

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to me

Per our conversation today, I am submitting to you my proxy for Dancing Spirit Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday 6/18/2023.

This email conveys authority to you to vote on issues at that meeting on my behalf.

CARYL HELMIN