

Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts

Board Agenda & Minutes

January 24, 2024

Call to Order 6:14

Attendance

Anthony Box

Jenny Long

Joanne Gantt

Present **Excused**

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Jakob Box

Mikayla Robinson

Kasey Correia, ED

Present Excused

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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

Motion: **Joanne Gantt motioned to approved the January 24, 2024 Agenda as is.**

2nd: **Mikayla Robinson**

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

2. Approval of minutes for December 2023

Motion: **Joanne Gantt motioned to approved the minutes from December 2023 minutes**

2nd: **Jakob Box**

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

3. Approval of Financials for December 2023

The Board heard the balances of each account: Artist Sales \$239.97 ; General Acct \$777.07; Saving \$917.01; 1st National \$740,537.59; Solar CD \$81,200.00. Since a document as needed for review, the December financials were tabled.

Motion: **Joanne Gantt motioned to table this agenda item until February 2024 meeting.**

2nd: **Mikayla Robinson**

Approved / Not Approved / **Tabled**

4. Approval of 2024 dancing spirit Budget

The Board reviewed the 2024 Budget and asked about the \$150 for the Co-op Gallery expenses and Kasey Correia will double check. The Board heard that there will be a review of this budget in June 2024, where items can be updated as needed, as more information comes available.

Motion: **Joanne Gantt motioned to approved the Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts 2024 Budget.**

2nd: **Jakob Box**

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Action Items

Board Seat Selection:

Discussion of board seats and who was available to fill which seats, included who was able to fill the financial responsibilities, and the option of tabling this action item until all Board Members were present. Anthony Box was then texted to see if he would be willing to cover the treasurer position, due to the lack of financial expertise of other members. Anthony texted back that he would do what is best for the Board, including being the Treasurer.

Board President

Jenny Long

Motion: **Joanne Gantt**

2nd: **Jakob Box**

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Secretary

Mikayla Robinson

Motion: **Jakob Box**

2nd : **Joanne Gantt**

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Treasurer

Anthony Box

Motion: **Joanne Gantt**

2nd : **Mikayla Robinson**

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Grant Update

Kayala the grant writer said that she would stay on pro bono for now.

The grant writer has applied for the Ballintine Grant.

Lpea will be in but the end of the month for March April May.

Going for "Arts Here". 65,000 to 150,000. To bring programs back

(Afterschool and preschool). The grant wants to know the back up plan if the Executive Director leaves.

Kasey and Corra will work on a plan.

Dancing Spirit Director's Report

See attached file.

Discussion on the Director's Report included:

1. Dancing Spirit is looking at various programs to fund over the next 3 years, such as Boys and Girls club, Bayfield Library, La Plata Services, and
2. Earth Day celebration on April 23, will take place at the ELHI inspiration square.

Next Board Meeting

February 21, 2024

Meeting adjourned at: 7:24 pm

Motion: Joanne Gantt motioned to adjourn

2nd: Mikayla Robinson

Approved / Not Approved / Tabled

Directors Report
Dancing Spirit
from Kasey Cornac / ED

1/15/2024

Dear DS board welcome to 2024 😊

Grants

- ① LPEA / submitted for SUIMA preschool March-May
② ArtsHERE is the nexted that will be out before end of month, for reestablishing all our arts programs for kids. We should here from Balentine soon SK for operations.

Programs

We are reaching out to Bayfield Library, family class, Tignite team building? Feb. 9th, BGC should start next week Friday Jan-May, La Platte Youth Services Feb. 1st their annual art show Unchain My Heart. Adult pottery open studio Wed/Sat and Shawna has a bunch of new classes.

Operations

Badset cuts Kasey's pay / and grant writer. Good news though we are staying on pro-pono. Why? We have no income for operations and we are at a critical point, thus pro-active budget cuts. We are actively seeking operations / program monies.

1 st SW Bank	\$740,537 ⁵⁹	/CD	\$81,200 ⁰⁰
TBK General	\$77,707		
Savings	\$91,701		
Gallery	\$100 ⁰⁰		

Building

We restarted last week. Power is on, pier's poured, for eye brow, materials on site for framing. Jammie & Kasey and sometimes grandson & friends keep clearing snow as needed.

We will get draw 3 bill on Jan. 23rd for this start up.

Events

We will look into having a building or operations fundraiser in April? Fill your Plate June/July operations/programs
Fill your Bowl Dec 6th in our New Building.

"So yes we are in a tight spot financially right now, it's been coming on for a year. We are actively searching for grants to keep us in business. This came about with our efforts on a New Building taking all our time and that our contract w/ DOJ SALT/TRIBE ran out. Now soon the building will be visible and we will get more press for funding. Our attention now is on getting funding for operations & programs. Kayla our grant writer is staying on pro-bono as she really believes in us. I am so grateful as having a grant writer that gets to know our funders & needs helps us.

Thanks
Kasey