

Our 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.

Meeting Overview			
Title:	Dancing Spirit Board Meeting	Date:	Tuesday 8.11.26
Type:	☒ Regular ☐ Special	Quorum confirmed:	☒ Yes ☐ No
Lead:	Dr. Carrie Bergfalk	Location:	Dancing Spirit
Recorder:	LaQueta Farrow, Secretary	Notice Given?	☒ Yes ☐ No

A quorum is defined as 4 out of 6 board members present

Attendance			
Name	Title/Role	Present	Absent
Kasey Correia	Executive Director	☒	☐
Dr. Carrie Bergfalk	President	☒	☐
Kerrie Lorenzini (late)	Vice President	☒	☐
~~Andrea Taylor~~	~~Treasurer~~	☐	☐
LaQueta Farrow	Secretary	☒	☐
Gene Jaques	Member at Large	☐	☐
Mikayla Robinson	Member at Large (zoomed in)	☒	☐
Tom Atencio	Guest	☒	☐

Call to order:

This meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Dr. Carrie Bergfalk (President)

Motions Made	
8.11.26 Agenda	Motion: Kerrie Second: Mikayla Approved /not approved/tabled
7.21.26 Minutes	Motion: LaQueta Second: Kerrie Approved /not approved/tabled
Financial Report (none until September)	Motion: Second: Approved /not approved/tabled
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	Motion: Second: Approved/not approved/tabled
Adjourn Meeting at: 6:43pm	Motion: LaQueta Second: Kerrie Approved/not approved/tabled

Meeting Minutes:

- ◆ 1st SW Bank account has been set up online. Dr. Carrie will email the bookkeeper, Kasey, and Cora the login information
- ◆ Kerrie made suggestions regarding the best way to hire Danielle for the part-time marketing position. Kerrie will meet with Kasey and Cora to discuss further.
- ◆ Job descriptions for Cora and Kasey will be tabled until the September Executive Retreat
- ◆ Kasey will research several consulting companies to determine which one would be the best fit to help Dancing Spirit establish the proper organizational infrastructure. More details will follow at a later date.
- ◆ San Ignacio Festival July 25th Feedback
 - We completed the feedback form
- ◆ Tom Atencio is considering joining the Dancing Spirit board. He will confirm by August 19th.
- ◆ Director's Report by Kasey Correia (See next page for further details)
 - The board will volunteer during the Space Cowboy Traveling Installation on September 5th from 12p-3p. Kasey will be out of town.
 - November 6th at 5pm will be the ribbon cutting and blessing of the sculpture in front of Dancing Spirit. The board should be there to support
- ◆ Board Retreat
 - September 19th @ Dr. Carrie's Home
 - 10a-2p
- ◆ Next Board Meetings (every 3rd Tuesday)
 - September (Board Retreat)
 - Oct. 20 - 5:15p
 - Nov. 10 - 5p
 - Dec. 8 - 5:00p

Director's Report:

Programs

- Camp Creative: Camp Creative is finished for the year. Attendance averaged 11–12 children per week. Thank you to Team Up La Plata for the scholarship support and to the teachers who helped increase attendance.
- Boys & Girls Club: Begins September 4 and will be held at Dancing Spirit almost every Friday during the school year. The program is funded through Think360 Arts.
- SUIMA: We are waiting on a grant decision, expected in early October, for continued programming. A teacher is lined up, and classes will be held at SUIMA if funding is approved.
- Pottery Studio: I need to meet with Shawna about advertising and the studio schedule. We would like to expand member hours and offer more flexibility for studio use.

Gallery

- The gallery is currently fairly static, and I am filling many of the shifts. We need to look at what we want it to be going forward and how to make it more active.

Public Art

- The mural at Rise & Shine Coffee and Burritos has been completed.

Events & Community Outreach

- Fiesta Days dance concessions: Approximately \$200 in proceeds.
- Ignacio Heritage Days art opening: Approximately 160 attendees, with approximately 142 ice creams served.

Marketing

- We currently do not have a marketing person, and this is an area where we need additional support. We need someone to help build awareness, maintain and update our email lists, and promote programs, events, and fundraisers.
- Colorado Gives is coming up soon, so having someone focused on marketing and fundraising outreach is especially important right now.

Upcoming Events

- Space Cowboy Traveling Art Installation: Installation August 31; opening September 5; exhibit through September 26. I will be out of town, so Board members will need to help with the opening.
- Independent Film Screening: October 24, 6:00–8:00 PM, with John Whitt and Jon Loren-Crank.
- Feather Sculpture Unveiling & Art Show: November.
- Fill Your Bowl: December 4.

Other Updates

- We have an upcoming walk-through with Community Foundations of Southwest Colorado, one of our funders, who would like an update on Dancing Spirit. I am looking forward to showing them the new blinds, which were paid for through a Frankenthaler Foundation grant and installed by Apex Electrical.
- I will be meeting with Sandhya immediately before the Board meeting to discuss what we want the next year at Dancing Spirit to look like. I will give the Board a verbal update on that conversation during the meeting.

- I would like the Board to review our past fundraisers and determine which ones are worth continuing and which may no longer be worth the time and effort. This will help us focus our resources on the programs and activities that have the greatest impact.