

Dancing Spirit Arts Center

Board Meeting December 16, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:56 PM

Members present:

Jenny Long, president, LaQueta Farrow, Kasey Correia, executive director, and via Zoom:
Mikayla Robinson, Andrea Taylor, treasurer, Gene Jaques and Carrie Bergfalk, secretary

Motion made to approve the agenda made by Andrea Taylor seconded by Gene Jaques,
passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes for November 18, 2025 made by Gene Jaques seconded by
Mikayla Robinson, passed unanimously.

Approval of the Financials for November 2025

Artist sales \$2832.88 general account \$9950.33 savings account \$10249.68 and 1st SW
Bank is \$1194.22

Motion made by Carrie Bergfalk seconded by Andrea Taylor, passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Guest Tom Atencio regarding a Cinco de Mayo event:

He and his wife, Connie sponsor another event, Fiesta Days and they both realized there is nothing that celebrates Cinco de Mayo, They are hoping to partner with Dancing Spirit to participate to apply for grants using our non-profit status. It will not be a for profit event, it will be held at the Downs(\$1000) and will be called Cinco de Mayo Ignacio Tri-ethnic Battle of the Bands. He and Connie want to create this event to keep the culture alive in this community. There will be 6 bands total, 2 bands from the reservation, 2 bands with Spanish music and 2 bands, one rock and roll and one country. He fears the loss of the culture and

language. The food and vendors will also be tri-ethnic. He is looking for a grant for \$1000-1500. Kasey has an MOU drafted for this partnership. Andrea stated we are liable for insurance and security. Tom started The Downs will take care of the alcohol and carry the insurance. They will provide table chairs trash etc. The proposed location is the front parking lot outside the arena with a small dance floor. JD from the Downs would like assistance with security. The anticipated date would be May 2nd, 2026. Tom will be asking businesses locally to donate. There will be prize money for the bands. Kasey will sit on the committee Tom will create. Tom invites ideas and help with the committee if anyone cares to contribute. He wants to do this for a few years and then turn it over to Dancing Spirit in the future. Kasey will give Tom the board email addresses to see if any of us want to participate in the planning.

Motion to pursue start up money was made by Carrie Bergfalk seconded by Gene Jaques and passed unanimously.

New board member applicant Kerrie Lorenzini

Application was sent out to the board. Jenny suggested inviting her to the next board meeting so we can all meet each other.

Johnathan Whitt want to join the board, he is a young filmmaker in Ignacio. He believes young artist like himself should be supporting the arts. He started making short films in 2021, and he thinks it is very fun. He is a FLC graduate in theater.

Mikayla Robinson's term is up in January 2027

She stated she is willing to step down as a board member to allow other applicants to be appointed.

Jenny Long's term is up January 2026.

Carrie Bergfalk's term is up January 2026.

There are 3 board seat opens to be voted on in January 2026.

Andrea suggested having a meeting on Tuesday January 6th at 4:45 to vote for new board members and positions, an in person meeting. There will be another board meeting January 13th including the new board members.

Directors Report: Kasey Correia

Updates from last month's meeting:

Kerri Lorenzeni presented an application to be on the board. John Whitt is considering a board application as well.

Programs:

SUIMA had a toddler class to create hand and foot print memory plaques out of clay as a gifts for parents.

SUIMA arts education coming up 12/16/25 with more dates to be added January and February 2026.

Kasey is working on adding Boys and Girls Club in 2026.

Events:

Town Christmas party/Mark Gallegos, town manager, retirement party is in 12/12/25

Fill Your Bowl event was super and raised about \$1800.

Sam Maez performed. Big thanks to the board and community for great soups, desserts, support and supplies.

Tiffany rented to center for a Cocoa and Canvas class last Saturday, an event that was well attended.

DS Memberships:

No more growth, space looks great. There is a meeting for members set for December 17th, Kasey might suggest moving it to January.

Collaborations:

Tom Atencio want to do a Cinco de Mayo event and wants to collaborate with us to obtain grants and artists for vendors.

Administration:

Cora was sick this whole week, consequently the 2026 budget unfinished, Kasey is hoping to work on it this coming week.

Grants:

Anita, our grant writer, submitted El Pomar grant. She is working on a cultural grant for Los Colores de Ignacio. Community Foundation of the Southwest awarded us a grant of \$800 from Bar Tag.

Action Items:

I would be most appreciative if the board would create a flow chart for fundraisers and head up or assist with them. LaQueta, please share what you feel we can do even better.

Fill Your Bowl: event recap and suggestions

LaQueta felt the event went well despite cash register needing to be rebooted. We need to set up all the tables and chairs ahead of time, we set up some tables and chairs but not all of them and had to do it in the middle of the event.

We need a sign up sheet for two shifts: one for set up and one for clean up. We did not have much help cleaning up. Having name tags for volunteers and board members would be very helpful. Wrist bands marking paid would be much nicer than marking hands with marker. Having a square for mobile payments would help move the line faster. We need to have a cash box with a kitty for change. The town wants to change the parade to 6:30 instead of 5:30. Kasey suggests starting soups at 4:00 and people will leave for parade followed by a second rush after the parade.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Andrea Taylor and seconded by Carrie Bergfalk, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55

Next board meeting January 15, 2026 at 4:45