

Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts

Board meeting July 15, 2025

Members present: Jenny Long, Andrea Taylor, Gene Jaques and Carrie Bergfalk

Excused absence Mikayla Robinson

Present: Kasey Correia executive director

Motion to approve the agenda for July 15, 2025, made by Carrie Bergfalk and seconded by Andrea Taylor, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from June 10, 2025, made by Andrea Taylor, seconded by Gene Jaques passed unanimously.

Financial were amended to read artist sales 6030.65, general account 3938.95, savings 12,946.65, 1st SW Bank 1,143.53

Gene Jaques made a motion to approve amended financial, seconded by Carrie Bergfalk and approved unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the Bylaws by Andrea Taylor, seconded by Carrie Bergfalk and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Andrea Taylor to apply for an El Pomar grant for \$10,000 for general operations, seconded by Gene Jaques and approved unanimously.

Payment schedule for Kasey and Melody: DSCA is behind 5 months in payments the last payment being made in February. There is \$2200 in the budget for repayments. There is no formal written agreement. Andrea, treasurer and Kasey discussed moving funds from savings in the amount of 10%, \$1200 to the general account at 1st SWBank and moving \$4500 from the gallery account to the general account at 1st SWBank. It was suggested that 10% of future fundraisers be put in 1stSWBank and be used as payment to Kasey and Melody. Could we catch up on 3 months of payments? Yes, at \$2200 a month this could come out of 1st SWBank as this is the easiest account to keep track.

Carrie Bergfalk made a motion was made to pay Kasey and Melody 3 months back payments for March, April and May for a total payment of \$6600.00, seconded by Gene Jaques and passed unanimously.

Business cards: Andrea suggested having card made to be distributed in social situations like the Block Party and the Beer Garden. It would contain name, address and phone number as well as a QR code to link to the website. Kasey and Cora will make an About Us list to be brought to the board and reviewed. It was suggested that name tags would be helpful.

Jenny Long presented the idea of having Cold Stone cater an event, perhaps the parade during Tribal Fair weekend. Jenny wrote down a list of questions for her to ask Cold Stone.

Saturday July 26th an open house is scheduled in conjunction with the parade for San Ignacio Fiesta. We talked about having 100 popsicles on dry ice for this event.

Block Party August 6th, is it worth having a booth again? It was decided we don't have enough help, and it isn't worth it.

Fill Your Plate event: the first event August 15th, 2015, did well at \$20. The second event at Foxfire, August of 2019 \$20.00, also did well. Third event in June of 2024 was at Foxfire and the cost was \$30 pre-order and \$35 at the door and did very well. Having a good band is key. We talked about doing a BBQ at Foxfire and realized it would be a lot of work, and we could not sell alcohol there. Advertising is the key to getting the word out, which did not happen with this past event as well as it could have been. Facebook presence and repeated emails are needed.

Directors Report: Kasey reported an incident that occurred during Art Week. 3 girls, early teens saw a drunk man passed out in the park. One teen, however, claimed he was looking at her and called the police. One volunteer, Erica, was rubbing the girl's back to calm her down, the girl said stop it and proceeded to escalate the incident, asking the other two girls to lie about the interaction. There was a verbal incident report, and one written report was given to the parents of the child, it was never filled out. This child was pulled from the program by her parents, but the other two girls remained in the program. Art Camp does not work in this space! There were handprints everywhere, paper products everywhere, doors slamming. We would need a teacher, which would be at least \$25 an hour. Do we even want

to do art camp? We would need policies in place to avoid a situation like this one. We do not have to decide until next summer. The consensus was not to continue with Art Camp.

El Pomar Grant would assist with general operational costs. 360 Arts grant for \$11,000 applied for. SUIMA Ballentine grant was for \$1500 in the past, can reapply in September. Community Foundation of the SW grant for \$3000 to teach at SUIMA Montessori. LPEA Education grant \$3000 through the LPEA roundup fund is every other year. Information Board quote for 45x7 sign magnetic stickers installed was \$4000.00. Kasey will ask the grant writer to look for a grant for this. First Friday: Caroline and Andy Arnold from No Limits organization in Texas is scheduled August 1st. Proceeds will be used for Free Family Art Day. Kasey will try to get Herald coverage.

Drea Clements will be a pottery teacher starting in September.

Wrenalle is a Bayfield High School student intern who has been helping a great deal. We suggested she help with social media.

Next Meeting August 12 at 4:00

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Bergfalk, secretary