

Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts Board Meeting October 21, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:43PM

Present: Jenny Long, Andera Taylor, Gene Jaques, LaQueta Farrow, Carrie Bergfalk executive director Kasy Corria and Mikayla Robinson- via Zoom.

Motion to approve agenda made by Gene Jaques and seconded by Carrie Bergfalk, passed unanimously.

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

Motion made to approve the current financials made by Carrie Bergfalk and seconded by Gene Jaques and passed unanimously. Financials are as follows: Gallery Account \$1,893.03 General Account TBK Bank \$15,641.02 Savings Account TBK Bank \$10,249.13 1stSouthwest Bank \$1208.86

Discussion was held about board meeting minutes format. It was decided if there was a discussion about matters that are personal, the board would go into executive session. Otherwise meeting minutes will be in brief and straightforward format.

Director's report:

Updates from last month's meeting:

- We are slowly getting foundational components developed and established – these include starting monthly meetings for Gallery Artists as well as Open Studio Members, weekly/bi-weekly grant review meetings with Peggy Iberg (grant volunteer who is helping us get our grant matrix updated & organized) and beginning to schedule classes.

Programs:

- SUIMA classes will begin on November 5th with a new instructor, Alex Oelschlaeger, joining the teaching team.
- A homeschool group from Arboles is scheduled on October 24 for a Colonial Pottery Workshop.
- The Beginning Wheel Throwing class has 4 students enrolled. Feedback from the first session has been very positive.
- Several community members have signed up or requested information about one-on-one pottery lessons.
- Open Studio has a new member (Sherri from Chaco's Pottery) with students from the Beginning Wheel Class also joining in

Events:

- October 3rd – 31st Featured artists: *Ann Salviazul & Lissa Lee*
- October 16th – Paint & Sip with Cindy Shelton was rescheduled for November 6th
- October 20th, 27th, November 3rd & 10th - Love & Logic hosted by ISD at Dancing Spirit
- October 30th – Ignacio Elementary School Trick or Treaters 12:30pm-3:30pm
- November 7th – 28th Featured artist: *Nanas Fuller, Unchained Art*
- November 15th – Teen & Adult Paint & Sip with Tiffany from Mixed Pallet 3:30-6:30pm

- December 5th – *Fill Your Bowl* and the annual *Holiday Market* (*Market will be available until December 24th*)
- *Dates Vary – Dance Party with Jenny Treanor*

Whitney is with outreach including website updates, facebook page posts and a newsletter.

Gallery:

- Three new gallery members – Lori Petterson, Susan Halkins and Kelly Black
- First monthly meeting – please see email update from Whitney Largent

Collaborations:

- Mentorship with Big Picture Highschool – Nanas Fuller

Administration:

- Working on end of the year documentation preparation including preparing for a new budget, 990, non-financial statement of accomplishment, annual report

Grants:

- Possible funding opportunity from the Town of Ignacio – submitted October 6th
- Awarded CHFA grant for \$12,500 to support SUIMA programming
- El Pomar grant request for \$15,000 for operations wasn't eligible for submission. We can try again in December
- Pitch Paloosa through the Payroll Dept was submitted on October 20th – if selected we will be able to give a short pitch for voting at the event on November 18th

- Team Up Fall Convening – November 7th 9am-2pm
- Boettcher will be making a site visit on 10/30 and has requested that Dancing Spirit be present at a State of Leadership event on October 29th from 2:30pm-4:30pm

Financial Position as on 10/20/2025:

- General: \$15,641.02 (includes grant from CHFA)
- Gallery: \$1893.03
- Savings: \$10,249.13
- 1st Southwest \$1208.86

Action Items:

- Trick or Treaters – Can each board member please bring a bag of candy – we will have over 300 kids stopping by on 10/30 between 12:30pm-3:30pm. We need someone to hand out candy too! (I am busy with Boettcher that morning)
- Help cleaning/organizing the building for the upcoming events
- Fill Your Bowl Fundraiser – review current needs and create sign-up sheet for soups and volunteers to help at the event
- Board Member Bios: Gene Jaques
- Board Member Photos: Mikayla Robinson, Andrea Taylor

Next board meeting November 18, 2025 at 4:45 PM

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Gene Jaques and seconded by LaQueta Farrow.

Meeting adjourned 5:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Bergfalk