

2025 Statement of Intent - Megan Murray

I, Megan Murray, am submitting my Statement of Intent to run for the Board of Directors.

I am so grateful to have found Dallas Makerspace 3 years ago. DMS is my happy place and it's my goal to keep DMS a great place for makers to gather, work on projects, and share ideas.

I jump in wherever I can to volunteer at the Makerspace and I teach multiple classes per month. When I meet new members I tell them if they need anything to ask me because if I don't know the answer, I probably know the person who does.

If elected, I believe there are 3 key areas I can work to make improvements to Dallas Makerspace as a whole: member retention, transparency and communication within the organization, and teacher experience improvement.

My husband, Mikael, and I had a Las Vegas wedding complete with Elvis giving our vows 4 years ago. I love to travel and try to keep at least one trip in the works at all times. We have a house full of animals with 2 dogs and 2 cats that seem to always keep us on our toes. Mikael and I are at Dallas Makerspace typically 3-4 days a week. I am most active in GlassWorks and PrintMaking but I have taken classes or dabbled in most of the areas at DMS.

While the warehouse full of tools and classes are what qualifies a Makerspace, I believe the most important part of DMS is the community, and it's my goal to keep building this community. Increasing membership is important, but member retention deserves more attention, and people are more likely to stay for a good community than for anything else.

I have a proven record of organizing community building events: I organized a "maker swap" in 2023 for members to exchange tools and projects. In 2024, I planned and hosted the Holiday Party, which was attended by more than 70 members. As Co-Chair of the Glassworks Committee, I created the monthly gathering "Glass Art After Dark", which is not only building up the glass community, but other committees are now using the late night idea to gather.

Additionally, my focus would be to increase transparency and internal member communication. It's important to keep members informed and engaged with what is going on at DMS. Although, I do not currently work in the field, I received my Bachelor's Degree in Communications and Public Relations, and that background has given me some tools to help with ensuring information is being delivered to the full membership. I attribute the success of some my events to my ability to communicate effectively. In addition to creating clear and eye catching flyers, I am active on the current DMS communication channels and attend multiple meetings to spread information by word of mouth.

I teach several classes per month at Makerspace, and have coached and cultivated multiple people to become teachers here also. This makes me uniquely aware of the challenges with teaching and engaging new teachers at DMS. Teacher burnout also seems to be an issue we face frequently. As a board member it will be my goal to find solutions to encourage new teachers, make sure current teachers feel more valued, and improve the class set-up and payment processes.

Outside of DMS, I have been in Mortgage Servicing for 19 years and currently work for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a Loan Guarantee Specialist. I am a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, which teaches the core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. If elected to the DMS board I will do my best to serve the Dallas Makerspace community with those same values.

I hope you will entrust me to represent Dallas Makerspace and its members in 2025!

I am very open and approachable so feel free to reach out to me if you want any further information or just to chat: MSMurray411 on both Talk and Discord, or look for the pink hair around DMS!

Signature

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