



## **DFW Operational Policy Integrity of Chapter Meetings**

### **Purpose**

Our chapters are the heart of Dining for Women, and regular chapter meetings are at the core of DFW's educational giving circle model.

The primary intent of DFW chapter meetings is to educate members about our grantees and to raise funds to support DFW's mission.

DFW provides many educational resources for chapters to use at their meetings, including videos, fact sheets, and presentations. Members share a sense of community and camaraderie as they learn about international, grassroots projects that are being supported by their collective donations.

To protect the intent and integrity of DFW meetings, and to ensure that the member experience at chapter meetings is consistent across DFW, Chapter Leaders are asked to follow these guidelines:

### **Speakers at Chapter Meetings**

Speakers at DFW meetings may:

- Represent one of our grantees;
- Provide additional information on the country or issue being addressed by our grantees;
- Discuss the challenges/issues being faced by women and girls in the developing world.

Examples of appropriate speakers may include a local college professor or other expert on a country or issue facing women and girls in the developing world, or a recent visitor to a country where DFW has awarded a grant.

Speakers at DFW meetings may not:

- Ask for funds for other organizations;
- Make presentations about other organizations, including political or religious organizations and other nonprofits.

### **Product Sales at Chapter Meetings**

Product sales at chapter meetings are permitted if they involve:

- DFW related products (e.g. our cookbook)
- Products from DFW grantees where a percentage of sales will be donated to DFW.
- Products from one of DFW's cause marketing partners, as listed on the [Marketplace](#) page of our website.

All other products sales are not appropriate or permitted at DFW chapter meetings.

## DFW Chapter Fundraisers

- Chapter fundraising activities that benefit DFW are encouraged and appreciated.
- Chapter fundraisers should occur outside of regular chapter meetings.
- Any related activity, such as planning for the fundraiser or ticket sales, should be kept to a minimum at regular chapter meeting so as to not interfere with the discussion of the monthly grantee and other DFW business
- Chapter Leaders are required to complete the online [Fundraiser Approval Form](#) prior to starting work on their fundraiser and submit this form to their Regional Leader for approval.
- Any event or activity focused on raising funds for organizations or causes not associated with DFW is not permitted at chapter meetings.

Chapter Leaders are encouraged to direct any questions about this Policy to their Regional Leaders or the DFW home office.