

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 19, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Sue Arneson

IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Arneson, Marge Christensen, Cheri Browne, Sharon McGuire, Carole Carberry, Wendy Curtis, Candyce Brevik, Kat Collins, Judy Wright, DeeAnn Richardson and Vicky Poole.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May board meeting minutes were read and approved.

TREASURE REPORT

The profit and loss report as of May 2025 shows a yearly loss of \$11,033.16. The May financial report shows a net operating income of \$1,912.48. Monthly expenses such as gas and electricity, insurance, postage and simple consign have all increased.

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- Something's Fishy show will be changed out this weekend.
- The next show, The American West will be hung on Sunday June 22.
- Vicky Poole will be putting up the window display.
- The American West show reception will be on June 27, from 5-7.

Gift shop Director – Kat Collins

- New forms have been created for the Gift Shop and the Yearly Agreement.
- A motion was made to accept the new forms. Motion passed.
- Foot traffic in the gallery is picking up.
- A few items are still showing up as Uncategorized. Follow the instructions in the workbook to fix these issues.

Festival Director – DeeAnn Richardson

- Vendors spots for the FLFA festival are full. A waiting list will be started for any new interest.
- Half of the vendors still need to pay for their booth space at FLFA.
- The Courthouse festival is starting to fill up with 63 out of 94 spaces reserved.
- Booth fees for the two festivals are coming in, which should improve our bottom line.
- Advertising on Facebook will continue for both festivals.
- Please grab some Posters to distribute in the valley.
- The Gator is not available this year. DeeAnn is working on an alternate fix.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- A few people have signed up as new members. Their training will be done soon.
- Membership party will be at Boettcher Park, Wednesday July 9th. Invitations to be sent out on June 1st.
- Congratulations to Vicky Edwards, she is the artist spotlighted in this month's *Living on the Flathead*.

Website/Social Media –Dee Dee Barbour

- Art Calls have gone out for Sacajawea Park pumphouse.
- Promotional cards for Art Talks are completed and at the front desk in the gallery.
- Training is ongoing with Vicki Poole and Sharon McGuire. Both ladies are doing great.

Media team – Sharon McGuire and Vicky Poole

- Vicky is stepping in to take DeeAnn Richardson's place for FLFA due to DeeAnn being out of the country.

Workshop Coordinator –Judy Wright

- Workshops are scheduled for June and July.
- One workshop in July will be a 2-day watercolor workshop from 9 to 3 with a one-hour break for lunch. This will be hosted by Loren Kovich a member of the American Watercolor Society.
- Workshops will now have a sticker on the workshop sheet that can be scanned instead of putting information in by hand.
- Remember to get the customer's name and information at the time of the sale.
- Judy is working on a workshop for children this summer. Unsure of the date.

Scholarship Coordinator – Donna Kotyk

- A total of \$5000 was awarded to four scholarships recipients.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- Awning project fire retardant has been applied. Thank you to Tim and Tom.
- We are now waiting for TIFF Funds to be released from the city and given to SAGG.
- "Let's Talk Art" presentations have been well attended
- Mike Windaurer – fish wood carver, brought in about 36 people
- Lance Boen – leather fish brought in about 32 people
- On July 24 - Nancy Zadra will talk on her- Life's Journey through Art.
- August 7 – The UM Biological Station Artist in Residence program will speak.
- Dick has given verbal consent to have the front of the gallery painted. A written agreement is in the works. Paint color will be chosen. The city has been contacted and does not require a permit.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson (continued)

- Three mural projects are almost complete. One more to be done at Sacajawea Park.
- The golf course building will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 25.
- Two murals at Boettcher Park are in progress. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held during the Membership Party on July 9th.
- Patsy Poole will be painting the Pumphouse building at Sacajawea Park.
- Metal signs for the buildings have been donated by Jodee at Flathead Signs and Graphic. Thank you, Jodee.
- Grant applications have been submitted to cover the costs of the murals.

President – Sue Arneson

- Sue will be out of state from June 24 – July 2. Candyce and Marge will be working as her backup.
- Explore Polson handout is printed and ready to hand out to customers asking for suggestions on what to do in the area.
- Member party will be Wednesday July 9th at Boettcher park. Invitations have been sent out. RSVP to Candyce.

Next meeting will be held on July 17, 2025, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 1130