

# SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date: July 17, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Sue Arneson

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Arneson, Marge Christensen, Cheri Browne, Sharon McGuire, Wendy Curtis, Candyce Brevik, Judy Wright, Karri Gill, Andrea Johnson and Karla Martinson.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June board meeting minutes were read and approved.

### TREASURE REPORT

The profit and loss report as of June 2025 shows a yearly loss of \$3,394.50. Monthly expenses such as gas and electricity, insurance, postage and simple consign have all increased. The CD has matured, and the balance was transferred back into savings. Dividends accrued from 12-23 through 7-25 were \$2,558.02. Wendy to research getting Microsoft Word and Excel for the computers in the gallery. Motion was made and passed to give her the monies needed for that purchase. The credit card machine is working properly. It does go "to sleep" occasionally it is easy to "wake up" again and will work properly once awake.

### Gallery Director – Sue Arneson for Carole Carberry

- The American West show has been hung. It looks great.
- The reception was held on June 27<sup>th</sup> it was a smaller turnout, mostly members.
- Vicky Poole put up the window display, thanks Dee Dee for all of the western items.
- The winner for the raffle for "Dudak Architecture" is Julia Howlett. She was thrilled.
- The gallery front will be painted the first week of August. Dick did give his verbal permission to paint. We will need written permission from Dick to paint.

### Gift shop Director – Kat Collins

- No report was given as Kat was not in attendance.

### **Festival Director – Sue Arneson for DeeAnn Richardson**

- FLFA is this weekend. July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Vicky Poole is supervising the festival due to DeeAnn being out of the country.
- Vendors spots for the FLFA festival are full.
- Permits have been paid for the festival.
- The Banner for FLFA was put up across HWY 93 today. Thanks Marge, for getting that accomplished.
- Thank you, Dee Dee for the use of your 4 wheelers and trailers to help with booth setups.
- Karla Martinson is working on getting volunteers for the festival. It will be tight, but she feels like it will be covered.
- We are continuing to take applications for the Courthouse Art Festival in August. It is almost full.

### **Membership – Marge Christensen**

- A few people have signed up as new members. Their training will be done soon.
- The membership party at Boetcher park on July 9<sup>th</sup> was a success.
- Congratulations to Natalie Raffield, she is the artist spotlighted in this month's *Living on the Flathead*.
- Three new requests to become members will be evaluated.

### **Website/Social Media –Dee Dee Barbour**

- No report was given as Dee Dee was not in attendance.

### **Media team – Sharon McGuire and Vicky Poole**

- Vicky is doing an excellent job covering for DeeAnn and working on paper materials for the gallery.
- Sharon – Social Media has been excellent.
- Sharon asks for information as early as possible for the Art Talks information for the website.

### **Workshop Coordinator –Judy Wright**

- Workshops are scheduled for August, including one workshop for children,

### **R & D Committee – Sue Arneson**

- We are waiting for TIFF Funds to be released from the city and given to SAGG.
- "Let's Talk Art" presentations will continue into the fall.
- Karri Gill is working with Natalie to procure presenters.
- Members will be approached to see if they are interested in sharing their art process.
- 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.
- Three mural projects are complete.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony for two building murals at Boettcher Park was held during the Membership Party on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Grant applications have been submitted to cover the costs of the murals.
- The next mural for this year will be the pumphouse at Sacajawea park. Design for the mural was presented. Motion was made and passed to accept the artwork for the pumphouse
- Grant application has been sent to GPCF.
- The current balance in Art4Polson funds is \$3300.
- More donations to the gallery and Art4Polson continue to come in.

### **R & D Committee – Sue Arneson (continued)**

- Projects for 2026 are starting to be requested. Four businesses have requested murals at this time.
- The final mural for 2025 will be done on the alley wall of the business – The Barking Lot – a dog grooming establishment. This will be completed in September.

### **President – Sue Arneson**

- Sue will be hosting a picnic at her home on July 27<sup>th</sup> for Board Members and the R&D committee.
- Board members please make sure you are checking the white communication board at the front desk and addressing any issues with the proper individuals as necessary.
- New business – Motion was made and passed to move \$30,000 into a CD.

Next meeting will be held on August 21, 2025, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40