

# SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Judy Wright

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Wright, Don Carberry, Carole Carberry, Charlie Fudge, Sue Arneson, Patsi Pohle, DeeDee Barbour, Marge Christensen, Carol McIntyre, Denise Zemke, Cheri Browne

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read from the December meeting and approved.

### TREASURE REPORT

Budget for 2024 was presented and passed.

\$30,000 in CDs at 5.22% interest were purchased in December.

Year-end appeal letter brought in amount to cover expenses plus some extra, next year letter will go out earlier proposed to be about the third week of November.

New lock was purchased for \$300.00 and installed by Don. New code is 2901.

### REPORTS

#### Gallery Director - Marge

- Officially handing over the baton to Carole Carberry and Patsi Pohle.
- 1<sup>st</sup> show is already under way – Invitations have been sent to schools to get students involved in the gallery and to showcase their artwork. The \$20 fee for the show has been waived for the students.
- Marge recommends that Carol and Patsi start to get names of artists for the next show which will highlight Native Culture.
- Marge to start training new members in February. Will be detailed training.
- Elephant photo raffle was a success. 42 tickets sold. Karla Galatian was the winner. All paperwork for the tribal gaming was completed. \$260 to benefit Art4Polson.

- Raffle for Art will continue in 2024. 5-7 pieces left to raffle.
- Brochure has been completed. DeeDee will get a proof from Vista Print and continue the process of getting them ordered.

### **Festival Director – Carole Carberry**

- Rotary Club and Car Club have approached SAG to team up with a banner crossing Hwy 93 for the festivals. Motion was passed to proceed with combining with the other clubs to make a new 2 x 20 ft banner. DeeDee will be involved with the design.
- Applications for festivals are on the website. Previous exhibitors have been contacted by letter to join the 2024 festivals.
- Still looking for more members to help with the festival duties. Will look into new members to get them involved.

### **Gift Shop Director – Denise**

- Gallery has been spruced up. Walls painted. Floors refurbished. Cabinets cleaned and oiled. New risers to display pottery were purchased.
- Thank you for all that worked so hard.
- Members to bring their artwork back into the gallery to be rehung before opening on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **R & D Committee – Sue**

- Holiday Blast Christmas Party was a success. Approximately 48 people attended. Next gathering to be held in May-June.
- Wendy will send the Monthly Public Newsletter out by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- Meeting with the commissioners was on 1-20-24. They will vote on the resolution to get a Memorandum of understanding on February 5. Will need to write up a description of the artwork and workout a timeline with the City Commissioners. Do not want to miss out on deadline for Grant applications.
- Painting on the electrical boxes have been approved by MDOT – but is on hold until we have the City memorandum of understanding from Polson. Paying artists for their work is a big part – estimate will be \$800. This is an increase in the prior costs. Each box will be approximately \$1500 per box. Goal is to do 3 boxes in 2024. Approximately \$4500 will need to be fundraised.
- Skate park painting on vertical wall is still in the discussion process. May need to be deferred to a later date.
- Golf course cost for power washing building is \$2,000. This was tabled until we learn the responsibilities of the city to prep the building.

- Fundraising – ART4POLSON – DeeDee has set up a donation button on the website. Denise will look on Quick books to see if there is a donation letter already created.
- Denise and Wendy will work on sending out letters of donation for tax purposes.
- R&D feels like we need to have a Grant/Fundraising Coordinator with committee going forward. Marge will start by asking new members if anyone has strengths in this area. Mary Kathryn is willing to help but will not be in Polson full time.
- Mary Kathryn will start the process of application to the City for TIFF funds and/or MT Art Council funds for the electrical boxes. May be other funds available with the Greater Polson Foundation.
- In March there is a seminar about grants and grant writing.
- Discussion was held on the expansion of the gallery. 53 years in business but is there the funds to support growth. A committee consisting of DeeDee, Patsi, Wendy to look into developing a prospective business plan. Mary Catherine may know of grants to help with business growth and development.
- Card policy has been updated. Motion to accept policy was approved. Membership Director description was revised. Motion to approve was passed. Scholarship policy was reviewed. Must have a major in art to qualify.
- New members need badges, and some old badges need to be fixed. Sue to facilitate.
- Next R&D meeting to be held at DeeDee's on February 13.

#### **President – Judy Wright**

- Workshops to restart in March.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held on February 15, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 1215.