

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 19, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Judy Wright

IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Wright, Don Carberry, Carole Carberry, Sue Arneson, Dee Dee Barbour, Marge Christensen, Cheri Browne, Carol MacIntyre, Charlie Fudge, DeeAnn Richardson, Candyce Brevik and Sharon McGuire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read from the November meeting were read, a spelling error corrected and approved.

TREASURE REPORT

Report was distributed. Gallery sales were down this year. Art4Polson balances out the losses. A new line item called Dues and Fees will be on the monthly report from now on at the cost of \$204. The committee will meet to work on the 2025 budget for the gallery. Budget will be presented to the board at the January meeting.

REPORTS

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- The Holiday Winter Lights show will close on December 31. All art will need to be picked up by the first week of January.
- Cleaning, painting and maintenance will take place in January. Any members wishing to help should contact Carole.
- An email will be sent out requesting help and reminding members to pick up their art.
- A committee meeting will be held on January 6 at 10:00 at the gallery. If any members have ideas on the upcoming 2025 shows, please attend or contact Carole.

Festival Director – DeeAnn Richardson

- First meeting for festivals has taken place. Everything is looking good at this time.
- Marge will pickup the FLFA banner and deliver it to Mission Valley Power.
- Three sandwich boards will be purchased with 6 poster board sides for the festivals.
- DeeAnn will reach out to the other two festivals that are the weekend of the Courthouse to see if they want to collaborate about a poster featuring all three events.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- Membership application and consigner forms are available on our website.
- There are 8 new members that will be contacted after January 1.
- The first day of training for new members will be done by Don or Marge.
- If you are interested in helping with training on days 2 and 3 let Marge know.

Website/Social Media – Dee Dee Barbour

- Reminder that all workshop advertising needs to go through Dee Dee.
- Dee Dee will update the website with all of the new changes to membership.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- Our Christmas Party on December 5 was a success.
- Many thanks to Carolyn Ekland Olson and Arlene Ekland Earnest for organizing this event.
- Two Nutcracker Centerpieces have been painted by Vicky Poole to gift to Carolyn and Arlene in appreciation for all of their hard work. These will be presented on Friday December 20 at 3:00.
- Awning project is complete. Dick has been paid. However, the TIFF grant monies have not been received due to the fabric not being fire resistant. Judy will continue to investigate how this can be resolved with the city of Polson.
- The traffic box on the corner of Main and 93 has been replaced, a new wrap will be replaced once the weather warms up.
- 2025 Projects are Murals at the golf course, continued improvements to Sacajawea park.
- Calls for Art will go out in 2025 for several months in a row.
- Mission Valley Power is reconsidering wraps to the electrical boxes
- Projects are being discussed for 2026. Murals in our downtown area are being considered and research is being done.
- A Community Survey to assess what themes should be show cased.
- Fundraising will continue for Art4Polson including grant applications and an end of the year fundraising letter.
- Fundraising Raffle – February through June – One of Gina's pieces. Funds raised will go to the general fund for the Sandpiper not Art4Polson.
- Small Art 4 Big Art canvases will restart in March or April.
- Art4Polson continues to generate support from the community.
- New member Vicky Poole has joined the R&D committee.
- Next R&D meeting will be January 10, 2025.

President – Judy Wright

- Workshops will continue in 2025. No workshops in January or February.
- Marge will do a calligraphy class in 2025.
- Vicky Poole will be decorating the Gallery front windows in 2025.
- DeeAnn proposed requesting donations from our membership for the window dressings.
- No new policies need to be discussed at this time.

President – Judy Wright – continued

- Article in the newspaper regarding scholarships offered by the gallery was well done.
- Discussion was held regarding the new courthouse building needing artwork for their offices. Judy will call the County Commissioners secretary to see if art is needed.
- Charlie Thanks Judy for all of her hard work the past three years.
- Judy thanks the board for all of their help, knowledge and exchange of information that has taken the gallery to a new level. The past three year have seen a lot of growth in the gallery and exposure to the community.
- It takes a team.
- The gavel has been passed to Sue for the next chapter in the history of SAG.

Next meeting will be held on January 16, 2025, at 10:00am

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40am