

# SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS MEETING MINUTES

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Date: September 19, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Judy Wright

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## IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Wright, Don Carberry, Carole Carberry, Sue Arneson, Dee Dee Barbour, Marge Christensen, Cheri Browne, Carol MacIntyre, Charlie Fudge, Wendy Curtis, Natalie Raffield and Donna Kotyk

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read from the August meeting were read and approved.

## TREASURE REPORT

This summer has had many peaks and valleys in the day-to-day basis of the gallery. Overall, the gallery is up approximately \$2000 from last year. Credit card fees have changed from \$300 to \$1119.66; Don is exploring why this has changed so dramatically. Sandpiper will now sell gift cards. There will be a write-up on how to sell a gift card in the handbook.

## REPORTS

### Accounting - Wendy Curtis

- FLFA Membership booth needs to have a limit on the number of items that a member can sell at the festivals if utilizing the membership booth.
- Next year a better system for tracking sales in the membership booth will be initiated.
- Two tents need to be purchased for the festivals. A double tent costing \$200. A single tent costing \$189. Motion was made and passed to move forward with this purchase.

### **Gallery Director – Carole Carberry**

- The latest show, Upcycled and Recreated was hung on Sunday. Thanks to all that helped with the process. The show looks good. This show will run thru November 1st.
- Reception for this show will be held on Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Reservation for banner over Hwy 93 has been reserved for next year's festivals.
- Dates are set for 2025 for both festivals – FLFA July 19-20 and Courthouse August 9
- A correction was made to the August report. Total profit for both shows \$10, 670.53
- Dee Ann Richardson has taken over as the chair for the Festival Committee as of September 18, 2025.
- Feedback from the Courthouse Festival was overall very positive. We will work on getting more food vendors for 2025.

### **Gift Shop Director – Kat Collins**

- Kat has been out with family obligations. She will return as soon as she is able.
- Wendy, Sue and Judy have been helping keep the gift shop stocked.

### **Membership – Marge Christensen**

- Membership continues to grow. Two new members have started. Marge will reach out to the six new inquiries about membership. She will talk to them about their desires to start now or after the first of the year.
- Membership dues will stay the same, but days worked will be prorated to accommodate the later start.
- Discussion was held regarding artwork at the theater. Marge will work with Natalie and Dee Dee about using that space for advertising for Art4Polson.

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

- Working on updating the website and getting newsletters sent out again.
- Year end appeal letters should be sent out after Thanksgiving. Will bring a format letter to the November meeting for board approval.

### **R & D Committee – Sue Arneson**

- Ladies Night Out – October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Next Member Party will be December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Mission Bay Clubhouse. Invitations to be sent out by November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Sacajawea park is complete. A sponsored by sign has been made and donated to the gallery by Flathead Signs and Graphics.
- Awning project is almost complete. It will be completed and installed in October.
- Traffic box project has been completed. We have received lots of positive comments.
- Art4Polson is moving ahead with project meetings for 2025. These include the Golf building at the top of the hill. Two buildings in Boettcher Park. A metal privacy fence in front of the Sacajawea restroom and the pump house. Library winter project in the kids reading area.
- Art4Polson has collected \$17,797.83. Expenses to date \$8531.79. Balance is \$9266.04
- Grants will continue to be researched and applied for to help with 2025 expenses.
- Small art for Big art will restart again in April 2025.
- A new fundraiser for the holiday season will be started. These will be 5x7 original painting cards. These will sell for \$10 each. This art can be used as a card or as a framed art piece.

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

- 2025 Goal to increase Art Education for the community. Members will be approached individually to see if they are interested in teaching a class.
- Next R&D meeting will be held on October 15.

## **Scholarship – Donna Kotyk**

- Plan to approach the schools in November for participation for next year's scholarship program.
- Discussion was held to update the scholarship application. Motion was made and passed.

## **President – Judy Wright**

- Workshops will continue. Any member wishing to host a class contact Judy.
- Discussion was held about the upcoming ballot for board members. This will be finalized at the October meeting.
- The ballot must be completed and sent out to the membership before November 1<sup>st</sup>, so the board can final the vote count at the November board meeting..
- Motion was made and passed to offer the \$5 discount on Lady's night.
- Use the calendar in the backroom to schedule back-room activities.
- Discussion was held to update the exterior paint when the new awning is installed. This was tabled until next month.

Next meeting will be held on October 17, 2024, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 1205