

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 25, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Judy Wright

IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Wright, Don Carberry, Carole Carberry, Cheri Browne, Charlie Fudge, Marge Christensen, Kat Collins, Wendy Curtis, Sue Arneson, Patsi Pohle, Dee Dee Barbour

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June meeting were read, corrected and approved.

TREASURE REPORT

The gallery traffic was slower this June than last year. Profit of \$5001.40 was shown for the month of June. Simple Cosign is up and running. There are a few issues that Don is working on to clean up the opening and closing procedures. A meeting will be held once a month on a Sunday for anyone needing a refresher course on the new system. Don will work with Marge in membership to come up with some members who can serve as mentors to help with any issues a member may have. This should reduce the amount of calls that require Don to respond.

REPORTS

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- Bulletin will be sent out in the next few days.
- No show reception will be held on Friday 26 due to the Cherry Festival being setup.
- Show reception will be the 3rd or 4th week in August.
- Need to encourage larger art pieces for the walls. A list of artists who haven't participated lately will be put together. We will reach out to them individually.
- 2D art is needed for the gallery.

Festival Director – Carole Carberry

- Banner for the courthouse festival over Hwy 93 has been hung.
- Expenses for the festivals to date are \$4736.98
- Article about the shows will be in the next issue of Living on Flathead Lake
- Will be contacting Anderson broadcasting for a package leading up to each show.
- FLFA was a success. Busy on Saturday. A little slower on Sunday. The hot weather did keep some people away. Banner for FLFA may be needed for 2025 to direct traffic towards the Sacajawea park. Dee Dee and Carole to discuss further.
- Courthouse Festival which runs August 10 has 82 booths.
- Signup sheets for volunteers for the courthouse festival is back by the work calendar.
- Patron members will be asked to help with the Membership booth at the Courthouse.
- Please take some Festival Posters and postcards around to local businesses.
- A total of \$10,000 is expected to be cleared for both summer festivals. Good job Carole.

Gift Shop Director – Kat Collins

- Old art pieces have been removed from the gallery. These will be removed from inventory and members will be notified to pick up their work.
- Priority will be given to new pieces; all art will be rotated to increase the visual appeal.
- Cards have been cleaned up. Any extra cards are in the back in closet in 2 pink boxes.
- Empty spots can be filled with art from the top shelf in the back.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- Discussion was held and recommendations made to look at revisions to the membership. Policy defining these changes will be written. Process will begin in 2025.
- One new member has joined and will be trained on Friday.
- Some members need new badges created. Sue will take care of this process.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- Sacajawea park bathroom is complete. This has been highlighted on Facebook with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Polson Chamber of Commerce on July 20th.
- Charlie
- Charlie Fudge was interviewed, this is also on our Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Discussion was held for Board positions that need to be filled for 2025.
- Members will be encouraged to participate on the board. Further discussion to come.
- Member Party will be on September 12 at Sue Arneson's. BBQ potluck is planned.
- A radio announcement about the Sacajawea project and our Art4Polson campaign was done by Sue it aired on July 19th on KERR radio.
- Call for Art for the traffic box project has gone out. Deadline for submissions August 3rd.
- Selection committee is prepared and ready.
- Department of Transportation has to approve the designs.
- Awning TIFF grant has been approved by the City of Polson. Motion was made and passed to move forward with getting the new awning in place.
- Discussion was held for other plans to improve curb appeal of the gallery. This was returned to the R&D committee for further investigation.
- Art4Polson booth will be at both festivals.
- Members are asked for art donations for the courthouse festival.
- Fundraising is going well. Our current balance is \$12,500 with grants being awarded by Greater Polson Community Foundation, Lower Flathead Community Foundation and our Art4Polson booth.
- Small Art for Big Art is going great and will continue through the summer.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- Approximately 40 classes are planned from now until November 2024. If you are interested in teaching a class notify Judy Wright.
- Book signings will continue in August and September.
- Plans and Goals for 2025 – will review member suggestions from May meeting. Mural of the lifeguard building at Boettcher Park, Golf course building near Hwy 93.
- Skate park and other murals to be considered for 2025.
- Christmas party will be either December 5 or 12. Carole to check with Mission Bay regarding availability.
- Next R&D meeting is August 12th at 10:00 at Wendy Curtis's home.

President – Judy Wright

- A workshop calendar will be put together and be placed in gallery for maximum visibility. Dee Dee will continue to promote workshops.
- Policy regarding the price of children's workshops was discussed, motion was made and passed.
- Old business – Printer to print labels in the back room will cost \$290-\$320. It was decided at this time to wait to purchase.
- No new business

Next meeting will be held on August 15, 2024, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00