

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 20, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Sue Arneson

IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Arneson, Marge Christensen, Carole Carberry, Cheri Browne, Karri Gill, Dee Dee Barbour, Kat Collins, Judy Wright, Sharon McGuire and Andrea Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October board meeting minutes were read and approved.

TREASURE REPORT

Profit and Loss statement for September was presented. Also, a Profit and Loss statement from January 2025 through September 2025 was presented. At this time, we are showing a net loss of \$6,807.99. This is similar to past years and common for a non-profit organization like ours. The Profit and Loss statements have been presented and approved by the board.

Discussion was held regarding putting monies for Art4Polson in a CD or in a high yield account. Motion was made and passed to put \$8000 from the Art4Polson funds into a high yield account.

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- Ladies Night Out was on October 24 – good attendance and good response to Kevin C painting demo.
- Black Friday & Small Business Saturday the gallery will be open but no extended hours.
- Current show is “Lake Effect” it will run through December 31st.
- January 2026 the gallery will be closed for cleaning and painting.
- All art will need to be removed.
- An email will be sent out to look for membership volunteers to clean up and paint.
- December 4 - Carole, Sue, Belle, Natalie, Karri, Marge and Andrea will meet to discuss shows, themes, and reception dates for 2026.
- Parade of lights will be on Friday December 5th the gallery will be open until 7.

Gift shop Director –Kat Collins

- Kat has a family commitment out of town from the end of November into December.
- During her absence Vicky and Carolyn will be putting out restock items.
- Belle is being trained to replace Kat in 2026.

Festival Director – Sue Arneson for DeeAnn Richardson

- Dates are set for the festivals for 2026.
- FLFA will be on July 18 and 19, the Courthouse Festival August 8
- Website has been updated for the Festival Applications.
- Application fee will remain at \$35.00
- Booth fees have increased by \$25 each
- Suggestions have been made to streamline the process.
- A committee has been formed to help Vicky Poole with the festivals.
- Membership will be asked to commit to working at one or both festivals.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- New member training will begin in February 2026.
- Membership prices have increased by \$25 for 2026.
- Membership workdays will not increase in 2026.
- Members will be asked in the new/renewal applications to pick two volunteer options

Website/Social Media –Dee Dee Barbour

- Photographs of the extra paint from the exterior painting project will be listed for sale on Facebook Marketplace.
- Website has been updated and looks great.
- Still looking for a replacement for Dee Dee's position – discussion was held and it was decided that the replacement needs to be an active member of the gallery.
- Scholarship applications are being updated.

Media team – Sharon McGuire and Vicky Poole

- No report was given.

Workshop Coordinator – Judy Wright

- No workshops scheduled for December or January.
- There is a need for more members to step up to teach workshops.
- Members are encouraged to team up for teaching workshops
- Ted teaches a watercolor workshop often, but these are frequently filled with return clients not giving much availability to new people who are interested.
- Judy will teach a Color theory class in March.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- Monthly "Let's Talk Art" presentation talks will start again in April of 2026.
- Dee Dee will order *Art Talk Tonight* sandwich boards for art talk nights.
- "Let's Make Art" Week has been scheduled for June 8 through June 13, 2026.
- More information on events and activities will follow.
- Membership will be encouraged to participate.
- Recent grant from the Greater Polson Foundation was received for \$3500.

President – Sue Arneson

- Christmas party will be on December 11 at the Bickford Building. Please RSVP.
- Please sign up for side dishes and dessert.
- Policies regarding Artwork Authenticity Policy and AI Use Policy will be further discussed at the December board meeting.
- Plans to fix up the backroom are in progress. First step is getting rid of some of the extra items. Karri will make some inquiries to Sharon from Heart and Soul for removal.
- 38 members of the gallery voted on the 2026 Slate of Officers. Vote was made to approve the following positions.
 - President – Sue Arneson
 - Vice President – Karri Gill
 - Secretary – Cheri Browne
 - Treasurer – Andrea Johnson
 - Accountant – Wendy Curtis
 - Gallery Director – Carolyn Schoening
 - Gift Shop Director – Belle Edulan
 - Festival Director – Vicky Poole
 - Appointed Festival Board – Fran Wilke, Natalie Raffield, Judiee Goodman, and Marge Christensen
 - Membership – Marge Christensen
 - Website/Social Media – Dee Dee will cover until replacement is found
 - Members at Large – Candyce Brevik and Jeanne Frolander
 - Project Committee – Jeanne Frolander, Cheri Browne, Nancy Armistead

Old Business:

- The Life Breath Unit will be serviced next Monday by Tim Arneson.
- Karri will pick up the \$50 gift card for the Festival of Tree donation from the gallery.

Next meeting will be held on December 18, 2025, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20.