

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 18, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Sue Arneson

IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Arneson, Marge Christensen, Cheri Browne, Sharon McGuire, Judy Wright, Andrea Johnson, Karri Gill and Kat Collins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August board meeting minutes were read and approved.

TREASURE REPORT

Profit and Loss statement for August shows a gallery loss of \$566.55. This is due to bills that came in for the summer festivals totaling \$1,121.00. Art4Polson donations can be added to the can by the display or put into the end of the day bag with a note stating these monies are for Art4Polson.

Gallery Director – Sue Arneson for Carole Carberry

- The show, Rhythm of Colors, looks great.
- The next show will be our Christmas show, "Lake Effect" this show will run November 10 through December 31.
- Ladies' night will be Friday October 24th. We will need extra workers for that event.
- Andrea will fill out the forms to add us to the event for the city of Polson.
A reminder email will be sent out addressing the necessary hanging hardware needed for artwork to be displayed.

Gift shop Director – Kat Collins

- New lighting did not work out for the front windows. Kat will research getting tape lighting for this project.
- Difficulty ordering 4x4 boxes due to unavailability. Karri to work with Kat on finding a new vendor for 4x4 boxes.

Gift shop Director – Kat Collins (continued)

- Discussion was held regarding set up of new shows when the main director is not available. Conclusion was that everyone is doing the best they can without intentionally stepping on toes or hurting feelings.
- Please address any issues directly with the person involved with the conflict.
- Discussion was held about quilting projects being art or craft.

Festival Director – DeeAnn Richardson

- No report was given due to DeeAnn not being present.
- Discussion needs to be held regarding raising booth fees for 2026. This will be tabled until next month.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- New members continue to be trained in the gallery.
- Discussion was held as to whether outside interested parties could be allowed to work without being members of the gallery. A decision was made to table this issue at this time.
- One of the new members has experience in grant writing. This member will be approached about becoming the Member at Large in 2026.
- Discussion was held regarding membership dues. Should the number of workdays increase for 2026? Should cost of membership be increased? Discussion was tabled until next month.

Website/Social Media –Dee Dee Barbour

- No report was given due to Dee Dee not being present.
- The Let's Talk Art Talks will continue to be advertised on our website.

Media team – Sharon McGuire and Vicky Poole

- Sharon asks for information as early as possible for the Art Talks information for the website and for the printed cards.

Workshop Coordinator –Judy Wright

- Four workshops are scheduled for September and October.
- Workshops need to be advertised on the SAGG website. Customers have requested workshops be on the website calendar. This is a difficult request to fill due to there being so many moving parts. It is a work in progress.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- This week the TIFF Funds of \$1637.95 have been deposited.
- Monthly "Let's Talk Art" presentations are scheduled for September, October and November.
- A form needs to be created for Let's Talk Art participants.
- Used chairs have been purchased for the events held in the gallery.
- We will continue to work on replacing the old low chairs with padded chairs.
- Andrea states that she has extra chairs she will loan the gallery for the "Let's Talk Art" events. They will just need to be moved from her shop across the street.
- The Barking Lot mural has begun and should be completed next week.
- Remodeling the back room is under consideration. Grants for the renovation are being explored.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson (continued)

- An idea for a city wide “sandpiper” scavenger hunt is being explored.
- A Project committee is being formed to work out the details of the scavenger hunt and participation with the City of Polson.
- Six possibly seven mural projects are being explored for 2026.
- Grant applications have been sent into the GPCF for the 2026 murals.
- Funds are available from the Chamber of Commerce.
- Funds may be available from First Interstate back for non-profits. These are being explored.
- Contracts with the business owners need to be drawn up to cover issues with insurance coverage.
- Medical coverage for the artist of the mural is limited to \$15,000.
- Artists also need to provide their own medical insurance.
- A Hold Harmless agreement form will be researched by Karri. She will bring information back to the October board meeting.
- Discussion was held and motion was made to purchase 4 new track lights for the gallery if amperage allows. Motion passed.
- Festival of Trees asked for a donation from the gallery for their upcoming event.
- Discussion was held and motion was made to donate a \$50 gift card. Motion passed.
- Sue will research if there is a representative in the area that works on the Life breath machine. Maintenance needs to be done on the unit.
- After some thought no need to buy a new sound system to use at the Festivals.
- Karri and Candayce will meet to work out what to do with the extra paint from painting the front of the building. There are 5 extra gallons. If they cannot be returned to Ace, Karri will try to sell them on Marketplace.

President – Sue Arneson

- No new information regarding the scholarship process at this time.
- SAGG Christmas party will be held on December 11th. Further information to follow.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00