

# SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS MEETING MINUTES

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Date: October 17, 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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

## TREASURE REPORT

Report was distributed. Profit for 2024 year to date is about \$2586.33.

## REPORTS

### Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- The latest show looks good. This show will run thru November 1st.
- The next show will run November 4 – December 31. This is a members only show.
- New art for the next show needs to be brought in November 1 and 2.
- Old art needs to be picked up that weekend also.
- New art will be hung on Sunday November 3. Thanks to the volunteers that come to help with this process.
- This shows reception will be December 6 from 5-7

### Gift Shop Director – Kat Collins

- Kat is still working through her personal events.
- She thanks everyone for their support during this difficult time.
- Wendy, Sue and Judy have been helping keep the gift shop stocked.

## **Membership – Marge Christensen**

- Membership continues to grow. To date we have 86 members. 56 active members, 26 Patron members and 4 student members.
- There are an additional 5 people who are looking to become members, Marge has sent them the information and is waiting to hear back.
- Marge will reconnect with them in early 2025 if she does not hear from them before the end of 2024.

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

- Calendar for workshops is now on the website. Any calendar updates can go through Dee Dee.
- Newsletter will be emailed. Invitations to the Christmas party will also be sent.
- Motion was passed to hang signage about workshops in the gallery front window.

## **R & D Committee – Sue Arneson**

- Ladies Night Out – October 25<sup>th</sup>. Purchases greater than \$35 will be given a Sandpiper bag. The gallery is honoring the \$5.00 coupons distributed by the Chamber.
- 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>.
- Awning project is installed. Judy will request an inspection of the awning so the TIFF grant can be received.
- Payment for painting and awning will be made after the TIFF grant is received.
- Carol MacIntyre to write a thank you to Mary Kathryn for writing the grant for the TIFF funds.
- A new traffic box is needed on Main and 93. It will have to be rewrapped. Sue will look into if this will be covered by the Montana Department of Transportation or if this is to be covered by the gallery. Cost will be approximately \$500.
- Art4Polson is moving ahead with projects for 2025. These include the Golf building at the top of the hill. Boettcher Park Rest Room and Lifeguard building. We hope to involve kids from the community in these projects.
- Sacajawea Park - A metal privacy fence in front of the Sacajawea restroom and the pump house.
- Polson Library has requested a 2024 winter project to highlight the pirate ship in the children's reading area.
- Art4Polson has a current balance is \$9266.04
- Grants will continue to be researched and applied for to help with 2025 expenses.
- A new fundraiser for the holiday season has been 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.
- Next R&D meeting will be held on November 6 at 10:00.

## **President – Judy Wright**

- Workshops will continue. Any member wishing to host a class contact Judy.
- The ballot was finalized.
- Discussion was held regarding membership policy.
- Motion was made and passed to update membership policy January 2025.
- Motion was made and passed to offer custom pet portraits at the Holiday show.
- Discussion was held regarding paint colors for exterior of building. Carole Carberry is setting up a committee to help with this process. They committee will narrow the choices down to three and submit them at an upcoming board meeting.
- Carol MacIntyre will research a tent for the summer 2025 festivals. She will submit the information at the next board meeting.

Next meeting will be held on November 21, 2024, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 1200