

# SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date: May 15, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Sue Arneson

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Arneson, Marge Christensen, Cheri Browne, Andrea Johnson, Charlie Fudge, Sharon McGuire, Carole Carberry, Wendy Curtis, Candyce Brevik and Karri Gill

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April board meeting minutes were read and approved.

### TREASURE REPORT

The profit and loss report as of April 2025 shows a loss of \$5283.90. Wendy ran a profit and loss report to show a solid comparison from 2024 to 2025. This report shows there have been increases in gas and electricity costs, an increase in the gift shop supplies and gallery displays and other cost increases due to the gallery's growth. Also, December 2024 sales were paid out to the artists in January 2025. Due to the change last year from Cosign Pro to Simple Consign we expect some things to sort themselves out throughout 2025. Our current bank balance is \$21,111.

### Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- Something's Fishy show is looking great.
- Ladies' night will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- We have the \$5.00 off a purchase of \$25.00 or more cards at the front desk.
- The raffle ticket price has been changed, it will now be \$5 for 1 and \$12 for 3 tickets
- Congratulations on the largest sale the gallery has ever had for one piece.
- Mike Windaurer sold one of his wooden fish carvings.
- The gallery will be closed on Monday May 26 for Memorial Day.

### **Gift shop Director – Sue Arneson for Kat Collins**

- New forms have been created for the Gift Shop and Agreement forms. There was some discussion about adding new language to the forms. The vote on this will be deferred until June's board meeting.

### **Festival Director – Sue Arneson for DeeAnn Richardson**

- Vendors spots for the FLFA festival are almost full, only 4 spots remain open.
- 36 vendors still need to pay for their booth space at FLFA.
- The Courthouse festival is starting to fill up with 37 out of 94 spaces reserved.
- Advertising on Facebook will continue for both festivals.
- Please grab some Posters to distribute in the valley.

### **Membership – Marge Christensen**

- Need members to come in and sign up for days.
- A brochure was made to hand to customers this summer if they ask for suggestions for where to have lunch, coffee, etc.
- Membership party will be at Boettcher Park, Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup>. Invitations to be sent out on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Website/Social Media – Sue Arneson for Dee Dee Barbour**

- QR code stickers are here and will be placed in the front windows of the gallery.
- Metal yard sign is complete it will be placed at mural work sites.
- Art theme Survey responses have been received. Good to see community responses.
- Press release has gone out regarding our Scholarship recipients.
- Art Calls have gone out for Sacajawea Park pumphouse.

### **Media team – Sharon McGuire and Vicky Poole**

- Working on promotion of Small Art 4 Big Art, Ladies Night Out and Gina's Art for the Raffle.
- Art Classes will be put on our website

### **Workshop Coordinator – Sue Arneson for Judy Wright**

- Workshops are scheduled for June and July.
- One workshop in July will be a 2-day watercolor workshop from 9 to 3 with a one-hour break for lunch. This will be hosted by Loren Kovich a member of the American Watercolor Society.
- Workshops will now have a sticker on the workshop sheet that can be scanned instead of putting information in by hand.
- Remember to get the customer's name and information at the time of the sale.

### **Scholarship Coordinator – Donna Kotyk**

- A total of \$5000 was awarded to four scholarships recipients.
- Scholarship recipients are Kianna Hensley, Tina Maughan, Trendon Butterfly and Katie Medicine Bull.
- All scholarship honorees will receive a complimentary student membership to the gallery.
- The scholarship form has been updated on the website.

## **R & D Committee – Sue Arneson**

- Awning project fire retardant has been approved by the city
- We are still waiting for the formal permit to apply the spray fire retardant.
- The finish date for the completion of the awning is June 22, 2025.
- Goals for the Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts for 2025 and 2026 were sent out via email to all members. Many of the goals have already been achieved.
- "Let's Talk Art" presentations have been lined up for the summer. These presentations will be held from 6:30 – 7:30. Presenters will be June 4 – Mike Windaurer – fish wood carver, June 12 – Lance Boen – leather fish, July 24 – Nancy Zadra – Life's Journey through Art and August 7 – Biological Station Artist in Residence program.
- The Golf pumphouse building has been primed and is in process of being painted.
- Motion was made and passed to accept Karla Martinson's mural for Boettcher Park lifeguard building.
- Art Call has gone out for the Sacajawea Park Pumphouse building.

## **President – Sue Arneson**

- Congratulations Vicky Poole for being the Artist Spotlighted in the *Living on Flathead* magazine.
- Candyce Brevik has accepted the Vice President position.
- Karri Gill will replace Candyce as a member at large.
- Motion was made and passed to accept the three policies regarding gallery business.
- Please ask customers this summer what kind of art they would like to see in the gallery.
- Write suggestions down in the book at the front desk.

Next meeting will be held on June 19, 2025, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 1215