

# SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS MEETING MINUTES

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Date: March 21, 2024

Time: 10:05 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, Andrea Johnson, Cheri Browne, Susan Evans

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

## TREASURE REPORT

The gallery showed a profit for the month of February. This is mostly due to membership dues and festival fees. Cosign Pro is changing to Simple Consign since the companies have combined. Research is being done to determine which platform will meet SAG needs.

A new laptop is needed for accounting needs of the gallery. Don will research this need and bring costs and recommendations to next months meeting.

## REPORTS

### Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- New show, Kaleidoscope of Colors has been hung - walls have been moved and the gallery looks great.
- Art Show Reception will be held on Friday March 22.
- Skateboard decks have been painted some are hanging in the SAG window for this show. Others will be on display at the Showboat movie theatre. This is a project that is being done with our local Boys and Girls Club.

## **Festival Director – Carole Carberry**

- Banner over Hwy 93 is being designed.
- Due to increase in our Social Media presence, there has been a great response to the festivals. Interest has spread to other states bringing in new artists.
- To date FLFA which runs July 20 -21 has 31 applicants for 40 booths.
- 26 acceptance letters have been sent out.
- The maximum for this festival is 43 to 45 booths.
- April 15 is the deadline for application for FLFA.
- Courthouse Festival which runs August 10 has 17 applicants for 21 booths, acceptance letters will be sent out this week.
- Food vendors have been invited to the shows. Full moon will be contacted.
- An email will be sent out to membership for help with the festival days. Carla Martinsen has agreed to run the SAG membership booth.
- Poster to be designed and ready by May 1<sup>st</sup>. DeeDee to work on this with Carole. It was decided to make two posters this year, one for each festival. 50 posters will be posted around the Polson Area. Volunteers are needed to facilitate this task.

## **Gift Shop Director**

- Sue, Wendy, and Judy continue sharing this position.
- Search is ongoing to find the right member to fill this position.
- Call will be made for small hanging art extras to be on hand in the back.

## **Membership – Marge Christensen**

- All new members are trained. New members are encouraged to sign up for days to retain their knowledge. New members will be encouraged to work as the 2<sup>nd</sup> person on Fridays.
- Marge thanked Don and Wendy for their help in training her on spreadsheets.

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

- Website – About Us section needs to be updated. DeeDee will be taking photos of each board member to update that page.
- Home page shows the new show and will continue to update to reflect each new show
- Art4Polson needs sponsorship page DeeDee will put together a proposal for April's meeting

## **R & D Committee – Sue Arneson**

- Art4Polson campaign tagline Art Uniting Community. The process for this HUGE project has started. April 1<sup>st</sup> is our goal date for having a feature article in the Leader with a photo shoot of Judy and the City of Polson officials.
- An art selection committee consisting of 7 individuals will be established. This group will be made up of city/business personnel, Educational public art consultant, gallery members and art teachers from the schools.
- We have 3 projects the traffic control box wraps, Golf Course Mural, and Sacajawea Park Mural.
- Goal is to have the traffic control box wrap projects installed by August.
- Sacajawea Park Mural project is a split project between SAG and SKC art department with a goal to have call for art go out by April 1<sup>st</sup> and to be completed for June 9, 2024.
- Golf course building is being deferred to 2025.
- Fundraising – GPCF application has been submitted. If the grant is approved the money will be available July 1. Sandpiper is responsible for \$4500. We are still short \$1300. Rotary and Chamber of Commerce will be approached for funds at their meeting on

April 10. Natalie has another grant through the Montana Art Council which may also have funds available. Suggestion was made to approach the local banks for support.

### **R & D Committee – Sue Arneson (continued)**

- Plan for a member working group meeting in May. Group discussion and small working groups. Inquiry will be made to see if we can meet at the Elks.
- Updated bids are needed to submit the TIFF paperwork for the awning replacement. Sue and Mary Kathryn continue to work on this project. Mary Kathryn will withdraw from this committee after this job is complete.
- Discussion was held regarding donations whether money, in kind or volunteer hours these all need to be kept in a logbook. Donation policies will be brought forward at next month's meeting. Andrea will research how to monitor donations of time.
- This month our community project is the skateboard decks. These will be shown for this show. All proceeds will go to the Polson Boys and Girls Club.
- Policy to be written regarding community projects for board approval next month.
- Reviewing and revising our current simple rental lease agreement with Dick Bratten will be discussed at the April meeting.
- Next R&D meeting to be held on March 29.

### **President – Judy Wright**

- Next workshop will be April 13th oil painting. More classes to be announced.
- Motion was made to add Social Media Coordinator and Membership Coordinator to the board of directors. This motion was passed.
- Job descriptions are needed for Social Media Coordinator and Treasurer and Accountant positions. These will be submitted at the next board meeting.
- Discussion will continue in April to discuss if R&D needs to be its own board position.
- Further discussion is needed in April to possibly extend the current 3-year commitment of board members.
- Policies on Show Hanging Guidelines were reviewed, discussed and a motion to approve was passed.
- Changes to the Bylaws: ARTICLE 2, Section 1. The members of this Corporation shall be as follows: Any individual who resides in Montana, either full-time or intermittently, is eligible for membership as an active or as an associate member.  
ARTICLE 5, Section 1 A quorum of the Board shall consist of (6) Directors

Next meeting will be held on April 18, 2024, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 1230.