

# SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS MEETING MINUTES

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Date: August 15, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Judy Wright

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## IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Wright, Don Carberry, Carole Carberry, Cheri Browne, Charlie Fudge, Kat Collins, Wendy Curtis, Sue Arneson, Carol MacIntyre

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July meeting were read and approved.

## TREASURE REPORT

The gallery traffic was sporadic this July, some days with good sales and others with no sales. July sales overall were increased by \$200 more than last July. Donations are not being recorded in Simple Cosign. A meeting will be held with Wendy, Don and Judy to discuss keeping up to date with the donations. Some bugs were experienced transferring information from Simple Cosign to the Quick books, this was rectified, and July checks were sent out in August.

## Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- Show reception for this show has been cancelled.
- Next year the shows need to be planned around, not to interfere with the Cherry Festival.
- Proposal for 5 shows instead of 6 for 2025.

## **Festival Director – Carole Carberry**

- Both festivals were very successful. Bringing in a total of \$10,970.53 (minus the pending merchant fees)
- 2025 Festivals dates are FLFA for July 19 and 20. The Courthouse will be August 9.
- A discussion about a new banner for FLFA was held. Carole and DeeDee will work together to come up with a proposal for a new banner.
- Dates were reserved for the festival banners over Highway 93 for 2025. FLFA reserved for July 14-20 and the Courthouse/Car Club/Rotary banner for August 4-9, or later if available.
- Survey after FLFA had 17 participants. Festival scored high in Show location, Helpfulness of staff, Overall quality of art and Overall variety of art. Suggestions for next years show will be discussed.
- 16 out of 17 vendors that took the survey said they would return next year.
- Carole thanks everyone who helped make the festivals a success.

## **Gift Shop Director – Kat Collins**

- Kat appreciates all the help she has received settling into her new position.
- Kat will be setting up a committee to assist her in putting out inventory.
- Communication left for Kat needs to be clear. Reach out to her directly if you have any suggestions. She is open to feedback.
- Wendy to assist Kat with ordering boxes and helping to set up an inventory system.
- The Gift shop has a budget to buy items without the boards input. Don will let Kat know the amount.

## **R & D Committee – Sue Arneson**

- Sacajawea park bathroom is complete. Natalie will be putting the final varnish coat on August 23, could still use some volunteers to assist.
- 21 applicants applied for the traffic box project. 6 were chosen. Artists were each paid \$850 for their work.
- Traffic box project has selected 6 great designs. Approval was received by MDOT.
- Complete installation will be done by the end of August. Will work on Chamber of Commerce recognition and advertising of our accomplishment.
- Awning for the building is an ongoing project with installation deadline of September 2.
- Discussion was held about many community members wanting to be involved in our Art4Polson project. This is an ongoing opportunity to enhance the beauty of our town.
- Wendy has sent out an email to those people who donated art for the Art4Polson booth at the festivals.
- Projects for 2025 Public art are being purposed. The golf course pump building mural and Boettcher Park building are scheduled for 2025.
- Natalie and Patsy are working with the Boys and Girls Club to educate them about murals and include them in the Skateboard Park mural.
- Fundraising has raised \$12,605 for Art4Polson. There are still grants pending. Wendy is tracking the Art4Polson income and expenditures.
- Small Art4BigArt will continue until the fall. Any remaining canvases will be sold during the Holiday show in December. Small art for Big art will restart in April of 2025.
- A new fundraising project will be discussed in 2025.  
Christmas party will be December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Mission Bay golf course.
- Next R&D meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Charlie Fudge's home.

### **Workshops – Judy Wright – President**

- Workshops are planned for September and October.
- If you are interested in doing a workshop you need to contact Judy.
- A video of the class needs to be sent to DeeDee to post on the social media pages.
- A bulletin board is being made for the front of the cashier at the gallery.
- Goal for 2025 is to increase the number of workshops for both adults and children.

### **Policies – Sue Arneson – Vice President**

- Policy regarding Membership Jury Process was discussed, motion was made and passed.
- Policy regarding Patron Membership was discussed. This topic was tabled for next months meeting.
- Policy regarding Membership booth was discussed. Policy will stand at \$25 booth fee and include a 2-hour commitment to volunteer at the festivals in some compacity. Motion was made and passed.

### **President – Judy Wright**

- New business a new Ozone cleaner is needed to take the mold smells out of the gallery. Karla was given permission to purchase a new Ozone air cleaner.
- Don will research the price of 3 new tents for festival and gallery use. Approximate cost of each tent is \$169 to \$279. Discussion to follow at next months meeting.
- Don will send out an email asking if anyone needs extra training on Simple Cosign.
- These classes will be held on a Sunday.
- Open gallery board positions for 2025 are Vice President, Member at Large and possibly President. Call will go out to membership to see if there is interest with new members to step in to these roles.

Next meeting will be held on September 19, 2024, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50