

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 18, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Judy Wright

IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Wright, Don Carberry, Carole Carberry, Sue Arneson, Dee Dee Barbour, Marge Christensen, Andrea Johnson, Cheri Browne, Carol McIntyre, Charlie Fudge, Donna Kotyk, Kat Collins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read from the March meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

TREASURE REPORT

The gallery showed a profit for the month of March of \$431.61. This is an improvement from years past. Consign Pro is changing to Simple Consign as the companies have combined. Research continues to determine which platform will meet SAG needs.

REPORTS

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- The latest show, Kaleidoscope of Colors, looks good. This show will run thru May 10th.

Festival Director – Carole Carberry

- Banner over Hwy 93 has been designed. A meeting with the other two sponsors will be held and approval for the final design decided.
- Festival Committee has been developed and all positions are filled.
- FLFA applications are now closed.
- FLFA which runs July 20 -21 has 39 approved applicants for 47 booths.

- There are lots of new vendors showing interest in both festivals. The goal for the Courthouse Festival is to have 70-80 booths. We are more than halfway there at this time.
- Courthouse Festival which runs August 10 has 35 applicants for 44 booths.
- Food vendors have been invited to the shows. Full moon has been contacted.
- Signup sheets for volunteers for both festivals will be back by the calendar.
- Festival Poster will be ready by May 1st.
- A Boost on Festivalnet will be repeated for the Courthouse Festival.
- Susan Evans has been distributing the SAG brochures around town. Thanks Susan.
- Marge is working on rounding up musicians for the courthouse festival. She has made a few contacts at this time.

Gift Shop Director

- Sue, Wendy, and Judy continue sharing this position.
- Sue is writing a job description for this position.
- New member who steps into this position will be mentored for approximately 3 months until they are comfortable.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- Membership continues to grow. Marge will continue to train new members as they join.
- Policy for Patron Membership needs to be updated.
- Application for membership needs to be updated to document no refunds will be given if unable to finish commitment to the gallery.
- New name tags are needed. Sue and Marge to work on this project.
- With the growth in membership. Members will be required to work one less day than before. A motion to change from 9 days to 8 and 5 days to 4 was made and motion was passed.

Website/Social Media – Dee Dee Barbour

- As our community presence continues to grow, we need to be consistent on including the entire name of the gallery. Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts and to include the logo
- DeeDee took photos of each board member to update the board member page.
- Ladies Night is scheduled for May 17 from 5-8 pm. We will have music provided by Dave Webb of Dakota Windsong Flutes.
- DeeDee will design postcards for Art4Polson. A motion was made and passed for 100 postcards to be printed with general information regarding Art4Polson.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- Art4Polson campaign is a feature article in the April 18, 2024, Leader Advertiser. Good job ladies for getting this accomplished.
- An art selection committee has been chosen with 7 individuals from the community and 2 alternates.
- SAG has sent out a call for art for Sacajawea Park Mural project.
- SKC is unable to participate this year. A future project will include SKC.
- The goal is for the mural to be completed June 9, 2024
- Golf course building has been deferred to 2025.
- Fundraising continues for Art4Polson. Workflow has been created all donations need to be documented. Instructions will be at the front desk on how to accept donations for Art4Polson.
- Natalie and Charlie met with the Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. They received a \$500 check from one person and sold art pieces to others.
- Natalie is writing another grant for the Lower Flathead Valley Foundation.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson (continued)

- Mary Kathryn has all the information she needs and will reapply for the TIFF grant funds for the awning.
- Traffic Signal Box project - GPCF application is being reviewed and we should know results by May 1. Call for art will go out after approval. Funds can be accessed July 1. Completion date of August 1st is projected.
- Wendy and Carol are working on appeal letters to be sent out to local relators and banks.
- Annual member meeting to be held May 23, 2024, from 6-8 at the new library.
- Discussion with members to include ideas on increasing sales, upgrading art, any improvements that are needed to be addressed by the board.
- Carol and DeeDee to send out invites.
- Motion was made and passed to approve policy presented regarding community projects and rules for displays.
- Motion was made and passed to approve new updated policies for Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts.
- Next R&D meeting to be held on April 22, 2024, at 10am. Carol McIntyre is hosting. Board member Cheri Browne to attend.
- Let's put the ART in Party! Gathering at Natalie's on June 13, 2024. DeeDee will be sending out invitations.

Scholarship – Donna Kotyk

- Four scholarship applicants were interviewed on April 16, 2024. All four were given ½ hour interviews. The committee made recommendations to the board.
- A motion was made and approved to give scholarships to the recommended applicants, to be awarded in amounts from \$500 to \$2000. Official notifications will be sent to the press, schools, counselors, and scholarship winners.
- SAG will give a complementary student membership to the applicants.
- SAG will reach out to members whose focus is photography who would like to mentor young people to help these young folks grow. DeeDee has volunteered to be available.
- Donna has plans to increase participation for next year's scholarship program. Donna will visit the schools beginning in January of 2025.

President – Judy Wright

- Workshops will continue. Any member wishing to host a class contact Judy.
- Judy to reach out to Montana office of tourism regarding their magazine.
- Old business – Full Moon may not have been paid for their services last year. Andrea is researching this issue.
- Our current simple rental lease agreement with Dick Bratten was presented and approved.
- Law officers have given the squatter behind the business 10 days to vacate the premises. We will continue to monitor this situation.

Next meeting will be held on May 16, 2024, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35