

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Sue Arneson

IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Arneson, Marge Christensen, Cheri Browne, Sharon McGuire, Wendy Curtis, Judy Wright, Andrea Johnson, DeeAnn Richardson, DeeDee Barbour and Kat Collins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July board meeting minutes were read and approved.

TREASURE REPORT

There has been an increase in sales in the gallery, up approximately \$12,500 from last year. Monies (\$30,000) have been moved into a 4-month CD. Wendy was able to work with Tech Soup about the Microsoft word and Excel programs for the computer, it was unnecessary to spend any additional funds. Thanks Wendy, for working through this issue and keeping our computers up and running. Art4Polson donations can be added to the can by the display or put into the end of the day bag with a note stating these monies are for Art4Polson.

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- The next open show, Rhythm of Colors, will open September 8th.
- The reception will be held on September 12 from 5-7.
- The gallery front has been painted. Due to an error by Ace Hardware's paint department, we have lots of leftover paint. Suggestions were made to use paint to touch up the pedestals in January.
- Motion was made and passed to pay for paint out of the General Fund checking account.
- Discussion was held about whether to paint the inside of the gallery's brick. It was decided that the natural look was a better fit with the floor coloring.
- Carole will send out the bulletin next week.
- Please pick up your art from the American West show September 6th.

Gift shop Director – Kat Collins

- New lighting will be hung inside the windows for the next and future shows.
- Difficulty ordering 4x4 boxes due to the increase in pricing. Kat will bring some alternatives with pricing back to the meeting in September.
- Due to Kat getting married, Vickie and Carolyn will help with the gift shop set up for new show.
- Dee Dee to pick up the western accessories used on Friday September 5th.
- Thanks, Dee Dee for all of the extras.

Festival Director – DeeAnn Richardson

- The Courthouse festival was a success. The festival was full.
- Vendors appreciated the people who helped booth sit and the extras the Sandpiper provides.
- Work needs to be done to increase the amount of participation with the festivals from all Sandpiper members. Suggestion to count festival work towards workdays was presented.
- Work needs to be done to make payments more streamlined.
- Booth fees are low compared to other festivals. Should they be increased?
- Is the Member booth necessary when so few members actually use it. Would it be better for those members to combine into a booth separate from a Sandpiper booth.
- Art4Polson is a great booth for recognition, but does it compete with the other booths when art is sold at such low prices?
- Live Art is a great idea but needs to be coordinated.
- The music at the Courthouse Festival was great. Thanks Marge, for lining up the artists.
- Festival subcommittee to meet to discuss the successes and failures of our current festival protocols.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- Continued interest in joining the gallery. Four new members have joined. Five others have been contacted, and we are waiting to jury their work.
- It continues to be difficult to get the shifts in the gallery filled. It is a monthly issue to send out an email with lists of days left to be filled.
- Currently there are 43 working members. Many of the previous members have moved into Patron membership.
- Suggestion was made to open working days up to other members of the community looking to work in a non-profit setting. These individuals would not be members of the gallery.

Website/Social Media –Dee Dee Barbour

- The website looks good.
- The Let's Talk Art Talks will continue to be advertised on our website.

Media team – Sharon McGuire and Vicky Poole

- Sharon asks for information as early as possible for the Art Talks information for the website and for the printed cards.

Workshop Coordinator –Judy Wright

- Workshops are scheduled for September.
- Continue to update the workshop book at the front desk.
- Ted is willing to do "private" workshops when asked. These will not be advertised but will still be addressed like any other workshop in the gallery.
- Request from customers to have a list of workshops on the website that cover the next 2-3 months was discussed

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- This week the TIFF Funds should be released from the city and given to SAGG.
- “Let's Talk Art” presentations will continue into the fall.
- If you can think of anyone in the area that would like to do a presentation let the R&D committee know.
- There are presenters scheduled through November.
- New chairs need to be purchased for the events held in the gallery. Cheri will check prices for folding chairs at Costco and report back for September's meeting.
- Motion was made and passed to approve the mural design for The Barking Lot.
- This is the final mural for 2025. The Barking Lot – a dog grooming establishment will be completed in September.
- SAGG signs have been installed on two of the buildings at the golf course. One is left but a special impact drill is needed to attach the sign to the building.
- Sacajawea Pump house is almost complete.
- All murals for 2025 have been covered financially by Art4Polson.
- Seven mural projects are being discussed for 2026.
- Art4Polson continues to apply for grants to cover the costs of the murals.
- Dee Dee to work on a list of questions for Judy to ask regarding the use of AI in artwork.
- Research is being done to update the cabinets and improve the backroom of the gallery.

President – Sue Arneson

- An idea for a gallery scavenger hunt is being explored. Further discussion to follow.

Next meeting will be held on September 18, 2025, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00