

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 20, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Judy Wright

IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Wright, Don Carberry, Carole Carberry, Andrea Johnson, Cheri Browne, Carol MacIntyre, Charlie Fudge, Marge Christensen, Kat Collins, Wendy Curtis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May meeting were read and approved.

TREASURE REPORT

The gallery showed a profit for the month of May, but no report was printed this month due to transitioning from the old system to the new one. Research is ongoing to fix the bumps in the road that Andy and Don are facing.

No non-profit status is recognized by the new Simple Cosign. Don was able to get a reduced rate for our credit card fees lowering the rate to 2% plus the .38 cent fee.

All members need to complete their training and practice by July 1st. Important reminder to that you need to log out of Simple Cosign. An email will be sent out reminding members of necessary training. Positions who will be trained for the "back office" are Don, Andy, Wendy and Marge. With the new system only those people and board members will be allowed to print tags.

REPORTS

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- Bulletin will be sent out June 27th.

Festival Director – Carole Carberry

- Banner over Hwy 93 is complete. SAG's portion is \$216. Waiting for payments from the Car Club and the Rotary for the banner.
- Advertising to date has been about \$950.
- Article about the shows will be in the July issue of Living on Flathead Lake
- Will be contacting Anderson broadcasting for a package leading up to each show.
- FLFA which runs July 20 -21 has 43 booths with 2 on a waitlist.
- Courthouse Festival which runs August 10 has 74 booths at this time.
- Signup sheets for volunteers for both festivals are back by the work calendar.
- Festival Posters and postcards have been delivered.
- Press release written and will start to distribute

Gift Shop Director – Kat Collins

- Kat Collins thanked Sue, Wendy, and Judy for their help with her transition into this position.
- Changes are being made to the gallery. These will make the art more visible.
- Transparent wire has replaced the chains in the front window. An email will be sent out to all members about how to remove stain glass from the wire.
- Kat will look into the cost of getting tempered glass for the heavier pottery items.
- All pieces will be rotated to increase the appeal of the gallery.
- More authors are being brought into the gallery, so a redesign of the book area is planned.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- Policy regarding different levels of membership in the gallery needs to be discussed and rewritten. As the gallery grows should we have "Friends of the Gallery" level for non-artists.
- Discussion was held and a committee will need to look at revisions to the membership. Discussion was tabled. Changes will be made to the policies and process will begin in 2025.

R & D Committee – Wendy Curtis for Sue Arneson

- Fundraising Art4Polson campaign is going well. Our first mural at Sacagawea park is almost complete. Thanks to all that showed up to help. Ace Hardware donated all of the paint for this project. A sign will be posted stating their involvement and support. Say Thanks next time you are in Ace. A small metal sign will also be placed on the building saying that the Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts sponsored this project.
- Annual member meeting was held on May 23 at the library. 25-30 members participated. Lots of great suggestions were made. Wendy has compiled a workable list and R&D will study the list and present new goals for January 2025 and 2026.
- Arranging for a radio announcement of the Sacajawea project and our Art4Polson campaign.
- June 21st we should hear about the monetary award from the Great Polson Community Foundation. Call for Art will go out immediately after we receive verification of funds.
- Artists will be given 6 weeks to submit their applications. Department of Transportation has to approve the designs.
- In June an article about the Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts was in the Living on Flathead Lake publication. Natalie sent them a thank you.
- Awning application is complete. Judy will need to sign it and submit it to the City of Polson.
- Art4Polson booth will be at both festivals. Dee Dee can you email members again regarding art donations for the booths.
- Fundraising is ongoing with multiple grants still pending.
- Small Art for Big Art is going great and will continue through the summer.
- DeeAnn Richardson has agreed to join the R&D committee. She will bring a great deal of knowledge on merchandizing, non-profits and grant writing.

R & D Committee – Wendy Curtis (continued)

- Book signings will continue mid-July, August and September.
- Next R&D meeting is July 15th at 11:00 at Natalie Raffield's.

Scholarship – Charlie Fudge for Donna Kotyk

- Sydney Taylor was presented a \$2000 scholarship by Charlie Fudge. Congratulations!

President – Judy Wright

- 2024 Goal – Increasing Art Education for the Community. We have a commitment for 30 classes from now till November. A schedule calendar will be put together and be in the back room.
- Workshops can be held at the gallery or at the artists home studios. The Library will let us use their community room as long as there won't be art products that would damage the furniture or floors.
- Sue and Judy will meet to discuss how to plan, implement and publicize the classes.
- DeeDee requires strict guidelines to be able to advertise effectively.
- Discussion was held regarding the price of children's workshops. A policy will be written to clarify the costs.
- Old business – A laptop and credit card reader have been purchased. The credit card reader will go live on July 1st along with Simple Cosign.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30