

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 16, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Sue Arneson

IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Arneson, Judy Wright, Carole Carberry, Dee Dee Barbour, Marge Christensen, Cheri Browne, Dee Ann Richardson, Wendy Curtis, Andrea Johnson and Sharon McGuire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read from the December meeting were read, an error regarding training days was corrected and the minutes were then approved.

TREASURE REPORT

Profit and loss report for December was distributed. Gallery sales were down this year over \$19,000. Wendy presented the 2025 budget to the board. Motion was made to approve the budget. Discussion was held and vote was held to approve the 2025 budget.

REPORTS

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- The gallery cleaning and painting has begun. Walls have been painted. Windows washed. Floors will be redone on January 26, 2025.
- Vicky Poole will be decorating the Gallery front windows in 2025.
- 2025 Show titles have been selected. There will be six shows this year. Titles are as follows: Air/Water/Earth/Fire, Monochromatic Moods, Something Fishy, The American West, Rhythm of Colors and Lake Effect.
- There are three gallery members only shows and three open shows. For more information follow us on the website.
- Bring your art for the next show in between January 29 – 31.
- The show Air/Water/Earth and Fire will open on February 4. Reception for this show will be on February 7.

Gift shop Director – Kat Collins

- Changes are being made to pedestals for the gallery.
- Many cards have been found in the back room of the gallery. These cards have been organized by Kat. Due to the overwhelming amount of cards, she will be sending some cards back home with the artists.
- At this time No new cards will be accepted. Kat will reach out to the artists individually when their stock is getting low.
- Due to multiple mistakes and corrections needed in Simple Consign: effective immediately, all items for the gift shop must be priced and labeled by the Gift Shop Director or her designee.
- Pet portraits will continue to be offered at the cost of \$120 through 2025.

Festival Director – DeeAnn Richardson

- Festival applications are available on the website.
- DeeAnn and DeeDee will coordinate to get information into the Attraction menu
- Posters for both festivals have been designed and are ready to go to print.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- Membership will continue to grow in 2025. Marge will reach out to the 7-8 new members after the January gallery refresh has been completed.
- The next show is open to the public. There will be an announcement on the website welcoming the public to show their work.
- The big closet has been cleaned and re-organized, please help keep it that way.
- Marge has been working with a high school senior who has been very helpful with the gallery refresh. Thanks!

Website/Social Media – Dee Dee Barbour

- Reminder that all workshop advertising needs to go through Dee Dee. Ted will help with making posters for the gallery windows.
- All information created will be approved by Dee Dee, she will update the website.
- Call for Art for the first show of the year will go out.
- Due to all of the projects for Art4Polson there will be multiple calls for art this year.
- Brochure for our 2025 shows is in the works. Art4Polson will be getting a mention in the gallery brochure. A separate card will be made specifically for Art4Polson.
- Wendy requested note cards for her correspondence on behalf of the gallery.

Workshop Coordinator – Judy Wright

- Workshops will continue in 2025.
- If you are interested in putting on a workshop let Judy know.
- Ted will be available to help design flyers for the gallery. Then Ted and DeeDee will coordinate for the website.
- Wendy or Andrea will put the workshop into Simple Consign.
- Reminder workshops need to be paid in full at the time of registration.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- Awning project continues to be a problem regarding fire resistant fabric.
- Sue, Dee Dee and Judy will meet with the city council on January 22.
- They will request a TIFF extension to resolve the issues of the fire-resistant fabrics or an allowance to keep the awning as is due to the poor wording of the original contract with the city.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson (continued)

- Awning may have to be removed to apply the fire retardant. This would be an additional cost of \$600+
- Waiting on a reply to see if the new courthouse building has a need for art.
- Public art projects for Art4Polson will be as follows: Golf course building is estimated to be completed by June 9th. Boettcher Park Restroom with the Boys and Girls club will be done in July. Boettcher Park Lifeguard building completion by August 3rd. Sacajawea Pump house completion by September 8th.
- Research is being done to find metal workers for the Sacajawea Privacy Fence by the bathrooms.
- NO graffiti has been done on the Sacajawea bathroom since it was painted last year!
- Projects for 2026 are being discussed and researched. A planned community survey is being put together to get input on themes for the projects.
- Current balance of the Art4Polson funds is - \$10,000
- Small art 4 Big Art will resume in February – Small canvas will be sold for \$2 each. Names and email addresses will be collected when a small canvas is purchased. When the canvas is returned it will be documented in the back with the name of the artist and the name of the piece. Many of the canvases in 2024 were not returned.
- We will continue to reapply for grants
- A meeting will be held to set up goals for 2026-2027.
- Please continue to use the website calendar of events for meetings or events.
- An event for Realtors, Construction businesses, Furniture stores and decorators will be planned in the future. DeeAnn will help Sue with this idea.
- Raffle information needs to be reviewed before a raffle can be set up for one of Gina's art pieces.
- The next gallery get together will be held on Thursday June 12th. More information to follow.
- Next R&D meeting will be held on February 24th.

President – Sue Arneson

- Don Carberry has announced his resignation from the gallery and the board.
- Don was instrumental in getting the gallery switched over to the new Simple Consign platform. Many thanks Don for all of the hard work you have put into the growth of the gallery in the past. You will be missed.
- Andrea will investigate the CD's being held at Glacier Bank.
- DeeAnn will help Sue with the Tax 99 form.
- Discussion was held on filling the Vice President position.
- Sue will be out of state for the next board meeting in February. Judy will fill in for Sue.

Next meeting will be held on February 20, 2025, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 1220