

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 16, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by: Judy Wright

IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Wright, Don Carberry, Carole Carberry, Sue Arneson, Andrea Johnson, Cheri Browne, Carol McIntyre, Charlie Fudge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read from the April meeting were read and approved.

TREASURE REPORT

The gallery showed a profit for the month of March of \$230.57.

- Motion to approve Simple Cosign was made and the motion was passed.
- June 30th will be the turnover date for the new system.
- Simple Cosign will go live on July 1st.
- There is a price increase for the new system, approximately \$209 per month. Don Carberry will check to see if we qualify for a Non-profit discount with the new company.
- Simple Cosign and our old Cosign Pro are very similar and Simple Cosign is user friendly.
- An instructional video will need to be watched by all SAG members. There will be an email sent out with instructions on what you need to watch before you work after July 1.
- There will be a group trained to help facilitate our turnover in systems.
- A new credit card reader will need to be purchased. Approximate cost of \$450-500.
- An external hard drive to back up the old system will need to be purchased.

REPORTS

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- The latest show, Native Heritage, looks great this show will run thru July 12th.
- Ladies Night and our opening reception are May 17 from 5-7pm

Festival Director – Carole Carberry

- Banner over Hwy 93 is in production.
- FLFA which runs July 20 -21 has 43 booths with 5 on a waitlist.
- Courthouse Festival which runs August 10 has 64 booths at this time.
- Signup sheets for volunteers for both festivals are back by the work calendar.
- Festival Posters and postcards will be delivered this week.
- Carole Carberry will continue as Festival Director through December 2024.
- Judy Wright's offered to step into the Festival Director position. With Carole Carberry's help this will be a smooth transition.
- Judy will call Glacier County Tourism to glean more information about advertising SAG in their product.
- Face painting will be available at FLFA with proceeds going to Art4Polson.

Gift Shop Director

- Kat Collins will be our new gift shop director. Sue, Wendy, and Judy will help with her transition into this position.
- Small items for the gift shop are still needed. Artists, please bring in your art.
- Due to limited space only 24 cards per artist can be accepted. 3 of each design.
- Three gift shop policies were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to approve these policies and the motion was passed. Policy manual is up to date.
- Book signings will continue this summer. A new author is being juried. Sue to set up a book signing schedule.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- Discussion was held of the interview process for new members, whose art is being juried. Concern for uncomfortable conversations the last 2 times – unable to discuss freely.
- New process: The applicant will come in and leave their art at the gallery to be reviewed by the jury team. This allows frank discussion of the art submitted without the applicant present. The applicant will then be notified by Membership Coordinator whether they are accepted or not.

Website/Social Media – Dee Dee Barbour

- New show video has been posted on our website and Facebook/Instagram. Lots of great art. Thanks, DeeDee for your hard work and dedication during your move and remodel.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- Fundraising Art4Polson campaign is going well donations of \$2641.11 posted in April
- Small art for Art4Polson is a big hit. Great way to support our efforts. 40-50 small canvases have gone out, approximately 20 or more have sold.
- Art4Polson will have a booth at both festivals this summer. Need for volunteers to man the booths. Signup sheets by the back calendar in the gallery.
- SAG's call for art for Sacajawea Park Mural project has gotten a few submissions
- Submission deadline is May 31. Mural painting days are scheduled for June 14,15,16. We are looking for volunteers from the gallery and the community.
- Traffic Signal box project is waiting for application approval from GPCF.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson (continued)

- Traffic Signal box project expected project completion is August 1.
- Natalie is waiting to hear back about 4 grants she has applied for Art4Polson.
- Library of Polson has requested that SAG collaborate with some art designs in the library.
- Invitations for Annual member meeting to be held May 23, 2024, from 6-8 at the new library will be sent out this week.
- Discussion with members to include ideas on increasing sales, upgrading art, upcoming board positions that will be open at the end of this year.
- An article explaining the gallery and goals was submitted to Living on Flathead Lake it will be published in the June issue.
- Let's put the ART in Party! Gathering at Natalie's on June 13, 2024, from 5-8. Natalie is supplying food. Please bring what you want to drink. Carpooling is suggested.
- Next R&D meeting to be held on June 19, 2024, at 10am. Carol McIntyre is hosting. Board member Marge Christensen to attend. New member DeeAnn Richardson to attend to share her information on her non-profit experience and source of monies from state programs.

Scholarship – Donna Kotyk

- Our four scholarship winners are Megan Hamilton, Sydney Taylor, Beva Rae Finley, and Danny Obreat. An article honoring them was in the Valley Journal. Congratulations!

President – Judy Wright

- Workshops will continue. Any member wishing to host a class contact Judy.
- Updated policy for workshops was discussed. A motion to approve policy was made and the motion passed.
- Old business – Full Moon may not have been paid for their services last year. Andrea is researching this issue. Full Moon has not responded at this time. Another attempt to reach out will be made.
- Our current simple rental lease agreement with Dick Bratten was signed by all parties.
- Laptop has been purchased will be here this week. Andy has worked hard on Quick books converting it from discs to online. Great job Andy. Wendy will start to learn Quick books to be able to help Andy.

Next meeting will be held on June 20, 2024, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00