

SANDPIPER ART GALLERY & GIFTS MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 21, 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, Cheri Browne, Carol MacIntyre, Charlie Fudge, Wendy Curtis, Dee Ann Richardson and Candyce Brevik

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURE REPORT

Report was distributed. Ladies' night was successful with about 235 customers through the gallery. Traffic in the gallery has been down, particularly slow in 2024 in May and June. Without Art4Polson we would be running negative. A motion was made and passed to pay \$25 monthly to the accountant to cover costs of paper and ink.

REPORTS

Gallery Director – Carole Carberry

- The latest show looks good. This show will run thru the end of the year.
- This shows reception will be December 6 from 5-7
- Wendy to send out an email to request help with this reception.
- Items need to be brought in to replace those sold. Need for small wall art
- Email will be sent to ask members if they are interested in offering a discount for their art during the Holiday Sale.
- Carole will meet with her committee to work out the logistics of this proposal.
- Discussion was held regarding generating more traffic into the gallery.
- Possibility of hosting a Men's night will be further investigated.

Gift Shop Director – Kat Collins

- Kat is back. She thanks everyone for all of the support she has received.
- Idea was brought up to offer Gift cards at a reduced price during the Holidays.
- Don and Kat will discuss how this would work within the Simple Consign program.

Festival Director – Dee Ann Richardson

- Dee Ann has a prior commitment that falls during FLFA. She is working out all of the logistics to have the festival covered in her absence.
- Asked for more assistance with operating procedures
- Committee meeting is on Monday to discuss these issues.

Membership – Marge Christensen

- Membership changes for 2025 have been announced.
- A chart will be made to clarify these changes.
- December Calendar still has some open days. Calls will be made to those members short on their commitment for days.
- Marge appreciates those members who are working more days than their commitment requires.
- Motion was made and passed to donate a \$50 gift card to the Mission Valley Youth Foundation.
- Will contact the high school art teacher about student involvement in the February 2025 show.

Website/Social Media – Dee Dee Barbour

- Reminder that workshop advertising needs to go through Dee Dee.
- Signing up for a workshop needs to be done in the gallery. This can be done over the phone by manually inputting the credit card information.
- Dee Dee will email membership inquiring about interest in a holiday sale.
- Renewal for membership can be done through our website.
- New members need to fill out a form available in the gallery.
- 2025 brochure deadline will be December 15.
- Brochure will be distributed by February 2025.
- Charlie will help Dee Dee promote the upcoming scholarship opportunities in the local papers.
- Research to be done regarding a banner that can be seen from the street which announces our gift cards.
- Dee Dee would like to update the look of the gift cards after this batch have been sold.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson

- Christmas Party is December 5th from 5:30-8:30 at the Mission Bay Clubhouse
- Thanks to Carolyn Ekland Olson and Arlene Ekland Olson for organizing this event.
- Nutcracker Centerpieces are coming back in and look great.
- These will be given away as door prizes at the Christmas Party
- Awning project is complete. Dick will be paid. Jim Nesladek has donated his time for painting the awning. Wendy has sent a letter thanking him.
- The traffic box on the corner of Main and 93 has been replaced, the cost for a new wrap replacement is \$525. This money will come out of the Art4Polson fund.
- New Art Event Center is in Polson. We have been asked to coordinate with them for a project in 2025.
- 2025 Projects are Murals at the golf course, continued improvements to Sacajawea park.

R & D Committee – Sue Arneson (continued)

- Fundraising will continue for Art4Polson including grant applications and an end of the year fundraising letter.
- January 2025 we will be setting goals for 2026 by using the surveys collected from membership.
- Art4Polson continues to generate support from the community.
- A call will go out to membership as more members are needed for these projects to come to fruition.
- Next R&D meeting will be held at Dee Dee's house on December 11, 2024.

President – Judy Wright

- Dick to be paid for awning. Wendy will need a copy of his invoice.
- Judy to complete what is necessary to receive the TIFF grant monies.
- A complaint regarding unacceptable behavior was made against the gallery.
- This situation was addressed and has been dealt with at this time.
- The policy against unacceptable behavior was reviewed.
- The returned ballots for Election of Officers were reviewed. All members were elected.
- President: Susan Arneson
- Vice President: Don Carberry
- Secretary: Cheri Browne
- Treasurer: Andrea Johnson
- Gallery Director: Carole Carberry
- Gift Shop Director: Kat Collins
- Festival Director: Dee Ann Richardson
- Membership Coordinator: Marge Christenson
- Website/Social media Coordinator: Dee Dee Barbour
- (2) Members at Large: Sharon McGuire and Candyce Brevik
- New business – new chairs are needed for the front of the gallery.
- Motion was made and passed for Candyce Brevik to purchase chairs.

Next meeting will be held on December 19, 2024, at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 1150