

DGN FRIENDS OF FINE ARTS MEETING MINUTES

May 17th, 2022

7:00pm

Members in attendance at the meeting: Ziba Irvin, Heather Pleune, Mark Pierret, Brayer Teague, Sharon Gruzka, Cynthia Arnold, Jessica Chase, Michelle Heinz, Frank Piekarz, Josh Hoering, Stephanie Brockway, Chris Waden, Amy Bernard, Lauren Hopkins

Call to Order: President Z. Irvin called the meeting to order at 7:07 and welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: April meeting minutes were accepted and H.Pleune 1st, C. Waden 2nd

President's Report: Z. Irvin reported that we are accepting unwanted concert attire for donations. She recapped the year reviewing: staffing M. Pierette, VP of fundraising, amazing job to those who increased Contributing Member donations, successful ice cream social and bags tournament, concert receptions, senior scholarships, private lesson support for students in need. Thanked all volunteers and graduating parents, L. Hopkins, H. Mistry, K. Blanchard and D. Heppner.

VP of Finance Report: M. Pierret reported that we received a late notice for filing with state of Illinois. Messages have been left with the clerk and issues will be addressed.

Treasurer's Reports: S. Gruska reviewed the monthly expenses and income. Adjustments were made on the March report to address contributing member donations that were lumped into another band category. Spirit wear outstanding balance was paid. Two baskets were made for student band awards - \$15. Band clinicians were paid \$150 and we came out ahead on the band award night. Summer scholarships are being sent out now.

Contributing Members: C. Arnold reported that from April 1st to 30th we received a gross amount of \$1171.61 from eleven donors. The year-to-date net total is \$20,722.62. We are well over the amount we thought we would take in for the year.

Fundraising:

Plant Sale: L. Hopkins reported successful plant sale, table sales made \$460. Total profit was \$1238.52. She thanked all the volunteers who came to help in the poor weather.

Spiritwear: M. Heinz asked for tax id and banking information to link to the account with our new supplier. More yard signs, t-shirts, and flannel pj pants will be ordered. Co-chairs will look at numbers for incoming students to help determine amount of new product they will need on hand. Showcase night will again have bundles to sell. Promotions will be made to incoming students. Sample items will be ordered to show buyers at the booths next year. We want to encourage buying online so we have less inventory on hand.

Homerun Inn: Z. Irvin reported profit of \$355.07.

Future Fundraising: Z.Irvin reported that we applied for a permit for space at the school to have a winter dessert fundraiser next school year. Ideally, we would like to showcase all areas of the fine arts at this event. We will be working with the faculty. Volunteers will be needed and sought in the fall. She is asking for videos from FOFA members for an advertising campaign that will be used to target contributing members.

VP of Volunteer Resources: Z. Irvin reported that S. Farrero did a great job. B. Teague seconded this.

Senior Scholarships: C. Waden reported that six senior scholarships were distributed and given to students at end of the year awards nights. There was a good variety of students. Olivia Balicki, Gwen Casten, Ethan Bell, Melissa Parkinson, John Oakes, Franchesca Korbitz were all awarded. Carrie Contreras, Jessica Chase, Josh Hoering, Sara Farrero, and Heather Pleune were thanked for being committee members. H.Pleune offered to help with next year's scholarships.

Summer Scholarships: Twenty scholarships were awarded for a total of \$11,220

Teacher's Reports:

J. Hoering reported that two students have won awards at the Congressional Art Show Sarisa Chulanon, grade 11, received second place and will have her work hung in Sean Casten's congressional office. First place went to Ella Leathers, grade 9, and her work will be placed in the federal building for one year.

F. Piekarz Reported that final concerts have been completed and thanked FOFA for their support of the students. Vocal honors program was held for DGS and DGN students, choir awards night was held.

B. Teague reported that A.Bernard's art piece won a major award at the IHSE art educators exhibition. She was awarded a scholarship to attend SCAD summer art educators' residence program. Opening is June 17th at Bridgeport Art Center. He is proud of our art teachers! The Curious Incident was the spring play and it was successful. The jazz lab band and jazz bands, concert and symphonic bands held final concerts. All volunteers were thanked. A review of the band awards dinner night will be held with B.Teague and J. Smith. Orchestra awards were held at DGS. DGN will host next year. All are hoping for dry graduation weather.

A.Bernard reported that 17 AP art history kids took the AP exam this semester

New Business: C. Arnold commented that she feels the DGS FOFA president could use our support, Z.Irvin reported that we have offered our support and assistance in any way that would be helpful.

Election of Board and Officers:

Board of Directors: Sharon Gruszka, Mark Pierret, Heather Pleune, Ziba Irvin

Officers: President – Ziba Irvin, VP Finance – Mark Pierret, Treasurer – Sharon Gruzka, Secretary – Heather Pleune, VP of Contributing Members – Jessica Chase, VP of Fundraising – Jennifer VanHoutan and Katie Troelstrup, VP of Volunteer Resources – Sara Farrero

C.Arnold reported on her position and J. Chase was nominated for the position of V.P. of Contributing Members 1st by S. Brockway and 2nd by M.Heinz and was be added to the slate. No other comments were made on the slate. Motion to close the nomination process was made by M. Heinz and S. Brockway. The Slate was accepted

Proposed Budget for 2022/2023 School Year: S. Gruszka reported that contributing member amounts were increased, parent social fundraiser is now included, winter fundraiser is also included. Summer scholarship amount is increased, marching band and winter color guard clinicians are added, decreased concert band commission as a result, music scholarships for lessons is included – three students are budgeted for. Senior awards are increased. Insurance has been purchased and will be included. German exchange fund will be for two groups – one in the fall and one in spring/summer. Books will be closed at the end of July. Finalized budget will be presented in the fall. Wrap up of the year will be presented in the fall.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. by Z. Irvin, and C. Waden 1st the motion and S.Gruska 2nd.

First meeting of the 2022-2023 school year location and date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune