

DGN Friends of Fine Arts Meeting
January 18th, 2024
7:00 pm
Downers Grove North Alumni Room

Members in Attendance: S. Farrero, J. VanHoutan, B. Cook, A. Heer, C. Waden, Z. Irvin, S. Gruszka, S. Brockway, J. Hoering, K Dubnicek

1. Welcome and Introductions - C. Waden called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. All members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes - December meeting minutes unanimously approved by all members present. S. Farrero 1st and S. Brockway 2nd the motion.

3. President's Report - C. Waden reviewed volunteer efforts FOFA has completed thus far. Fundraising events reviewed. All volunteers were thanked for their time and efforts.

4. Teacher's Reports

i. Joshua Hoering - Scholastics adjudication had to be done remotely. Teams are looking at the scoring data and will install the exhibit and awards next weekend! The exhibit will be up for a week. Nice to see art throughout the region. DGN has been hosting the Scholastic Art Competition for over 20 years. Scholastics have been going on for over 100 years. Students are now submitting work for Art Connected shows - there are four different shows. Josh was asked questions about the arts program at DGN and explained the scholarship process.

5. Updates

a. Hospitality/Volunteers - S. Farrero updated on needs for scholastic art show. She will ask the NHS and Tri-M for cookie donations. Have a need for NIU Jazz Night and have to negotiate this need with DGS. Discussed meals for the upcoming musical. Shellabration is March 9th at 10:00 am and there may be needs for this.

January 29th, we need help manning the table for the DGN New Trojan Night. Need help for this from about 5-6:30. B. Cook and J. VanHoutan volunteered to help.

b. Fundraising - J. VanHoutan updated the team.

i. DGN Dessert Showcase - Have flyers to distribute around town. J.

VanHoutan updated that we are behind in receiving donations, but we can still catch-up. Gift basket ideas would be appreciated and can be dropped off at J. VanHoutan's house. The goal for Dessert Showcase is \$11,000. A QR Code has been created to sign-up for and to donate at the event. We will also push for volunteer spots, once they are created, to Tri-M, NHS, and volunteers.

c. Scholarships - Chris Waden January 29th will be available. Due date is March 20th. Decisions will be made before Senior Night. Looking for a few helpers to review. There is a strong committee of volunteers, just need a few extra helpers.

6. Old Business - Nominating Committee is still looking for members.

7. Adjournment - S. Farrero 1st motion, S. Brockway 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Join us at our next meeting at 7:00 pm Tuesday January 13th, 2024 in the Alumni Room

Respectfully submitted by Ziba Irvin