

DGN FRIENDS OF FINE ARTS MEETING MINUTES

December 15th, 2022

7:00pm

Members in attendance at the meeting: Carrie Swenson, Cynthia Arnold, Michelle Heinz, Beverly Cook, Wendy Nystrom, Mark Pierret, Jen VanHoutan, Amanda Zall, Ziba Irvin, Karrie Donat, Jessen Smith, Beth O'Riordan, Ed Voelker

Call to Order: Z. Irvin called the meeting to order and welcomed members at 7:06 pm. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: November's meeting minutes were approved by B Cook and S Farrero 2nd

President's report: Z. Irvin thanked everyone for a great year and is looking forward to the next year and a new fundraising event.

VP of Finance: M. Pierret reported that Federal Form 990-EZ is due 1/15, and will be eFiled this week. IL AG990 is due 1/31/2023, and will be mailed in early January.

Treasurer's Reports: B. Cook reviewed the YTD Budget to Actual Misc. She highlighted the miscellaneous fundraising and noted that about \$2,600 was raised from Vertical Raise with only 6 participating students. With additional student participation we can do much better! It was suggested to try and start the year out with Vertical Raise in August and have teachers help push this during curriculum night.

VP Contributing Members: Z. Irvin reported that approximately \$3,700 was collected from 10 contributions in November. We are below where we were in the past, but hopefully that will pick up in the new year.

VP Fundraising: J. Van Houtan reported on Winter Fundraiser and shared the sponsorship letter to pull in sponsorships. The focus of the campaign will be on raising funds for the scholarship program. More volunteers are needed to help solicit for raffle items and sponsorships. A reminder was made to use Amazon Smiles when shopping for the holidays.

- A. Spiritwear - M. Heinz, W. Nystrom reported that spiritwear has done some sales lately, but nothing too large (table sales are pretty quiet). It was noted that the Square will live at Michelle Heinz's house. If the device is needed, just give enough notice to get things set up.

VP Volunteer Resources: S. Farrero reported that all is going well, and that everything is mostly set-up for the remainder of the year. Scholastics and Choral Festival will be starting the New Year.

Communications Chair: C. Swenson reported that an Instagram page is live, DGNFOFA. Please take pictures of students and parents during activities and share these with C. Swenson so that she can post content.

Teachers reports: Beth O’Riordan reported on the choir program. Today marks the end of their Holiday Carolling season. Downtown DG was yesterday afternoon; kids put a lot of energy into it. The music staff were proud of Mosaic and the students input/effort! The final London Trip rehearsal is on Wednesday. After the trip, in January, the choir has the Middle School Choral Festival, followed by a concert in February.

Amanda Zall reported that Orchestra is doing well. They just completed a marathon concert cycle with the two District 99 school holiday performances. They are now into the March music cycle.

A Zall also reported on Tri-M and noted that some kids have ZERO hours for service. She agreed that students could help drop flyers off to local businesses for the February Desert Showcase!

A Bernard reported on Visual Arts. Students just finished Mosaic and will have Scholastic Competition entries at the start of the new year. Scholastics judging was done over Zoom last year; this year it will be done in person. E Voelker shared details on Scholastic judging which will occur on Saturday January 14 (8 am - 2:33 PM). The alumni room is used to feed the judges (about 45 people) a continental breakfast (7:45) and lunch (about noon). Volunteers are needed to bring food, set-up food, and tear down food. The exhibition will be on January 29 (1-4). Also coming: District 99 Show, Spring Shop, AP Portfolio Show.

J Smith reported on Band activities. The Marching Band’s final London rehearsal is Wednesday night. Equipment is shipped out Friday morning! Pep Band started last week. In January we have Junior High Pep Band night. January is a very busy month for the bands. Jazz bands go to Purdue in January, and ILMEA. Concert Bands are preparing for Winter concerts in February and faculty is meeting with Junior High students.

New Business: There will be a dinner as part of the Middle School Coral Festival? The plan is to do something simple like Mosaic - pizza (individually wrapped), cookie, and water. Mr Hogg will order the pizza.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 by Z. Irvin. J.Smith 1st the motion and 2nd by B. Cook.

The next FOFA meeting will be held on Tuesday January 10th at 7:00 pm in the Alumni Room.

Respectfully submitted by M Pierret and Z Irvin