

DGN Friends of Fine Arts Meeting
February 13th, 2024
7:00 pm
Downers Grove North Alumni Room

Members in Attendance: Z. Irvin, B. Cook, C. Waden, H. Pleune, G. Wych, J VanHoutan, K. Donat, J. Kinnavy, J, Chase, K. Henrikson, J. Gwozdz, J. Gwozdz, A. Heer, K. Yee, S. Farrero, M. Heinz, J. Smith, N. Hernden, S. Brockway

1. **Welcome and Introductions** - C. Waden called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. All members introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - January meeting minutes approved by all members present H. Pleune 1st and S. Farreo 2nd the motion.
3. **President's Report** - C. Waden thanked volunteers for participation in January and early February events.
4. **Teacher's Reports**
 - i. **Gina Wych** - Robin Bican - Made copper cuffs for donation to the FOFA dessert showcase. Winter Guard is up and competing. All State students for music and theater were recognized. DGN composition all state winner will have her song remixed for next year's competition. Jazz fest and Constellations were successful. FOFA was thanked for all the food that has been provided for events. Choral festival is upcoming and band and orchestra solo and ensemble contest will be held here. Scholastic Art Show - 77 DGN students were awarded prizes. Gold key, silver key and honorable mentions were earned. J. Solberg received the American Vision Award. All names are on the department website. Art Connection will be coming up and the Woodridge Library show will be in April, this is a district 99 show. C. Waden asked if Jazz Cafe will need FOFA support. J. Smith asked for cookies, coffee and water and volunteers. Jazz combo plays at 6:30, this is the first act. Volunteers could come at 6:00. Amy Bernard is now off for the rest of the year for emergency family leave, an art teacher is currently being onboarded to fill her space for the rest of the year. FOFA will send a basket and well wishes.
 - ii. **Jessen Smith** - Purdue Jazz festival, All State Festival, thanked for dinner sponsoring. NIU Jazz concert went well. Winter band concert and pep band finished up. Marching band preseason is getting started. Chair placements are being done now and senior soloists are getting ready. Jazz Cafe is Friday.

5. Updates

- a. **Tri-M Fundraiser** - C. Waden reported that Tri-M is selling water bottles and wanted to share information.
- b. **Hospitality/Volunteers** - S. Farrero reported that volunteering has been going well and concert food donations have increased. Constellation brought in plenty of money and FOFA will speak with the theater department regarding the need for funds for "Six". "Shellabration" will be a student driven fundraiser with minimal volunteer needs for FOFA. Suggestions were made for Gluten Free and nut free donations. G. Wych was approached for coffee donations. S.Farrero will send a thank you note to Trader Joe's for food donations made to the Constellation. K. Henrikson suggested a thank you be placed on the FOFA website. Dessert Showcase volunteers needed in all areas.
- c. **Fundraising - J. Van Houtan - Dessert Showcase** - Ticket sales are underway. J. Chase asked for desserts to be donated that will meet dietary needs. J. Van Houtan thanked all for donations. Volunteers will arrive to set up at 3:00. Three students will be talking about their experience with FOFA and S. Brockway will also be speaking. Performers do not have to pay to enter. K.Henrikson will post the flyer on Nextdoor.
- d. **Scholarships - H. Pleune** reported that Scholarships and Summer Grants have gone live and are being advertised. No applicants have yet submitted. Asked for FOFA members to advertise.

6. New Business

- a. **Plant Sale - J. Gwozdz** reported that the plant sale vendor will be confirmed this week. Perennial vs. Annual plants were discussed. Plant pick up may be Saturday May 4th and orders will open mid March, and will be due April 8th. Request for space will be made. Boosters will be asked to share information and information will be posted on Nextdoor. K. Henrikson offered to make QR code and digital graphic design if needed.

7. **Adjournment** - K. Henrikson 1st to motion, K. Donat 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Our next meeting date is Tuesday March 12th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Alumni Room

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune