

**DGN Friends of Fine Arts Meeting**  
**November 14th, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Downers Grove North Alumni Room**

**Members in Attendance:** K. Nelson, J. Gwozdz, J. Kinnavy, S. Farrero, K. Henrickson, C. Contreras, K. Yee, A. Zall, G. Wych, M. Heinz, K. Donat, J. VanHoutan, B. Cook, A. Heer, C. Waden, H. Pleune

1. **Welcome and Introductions** - C. Waden called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. All members introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - October meeting minutes approved by all members present S. Farrero 1st and K. Henrikson 2nd the motion.
3. **President's Report** - C. Waden reviewed volunteer efforts FOFA has completed thus far. Fundraising events reviewed. All volunteers thanked
4. **Teacher's Reports**
  - i. **Gina Wych** - Theater fall play "Lost Girl" is this weekend. Nov 16th, 17th and 18th. The band will be playing on Saturday and ILMEA is Saturday as well. The 4X5 visual art awards were just held and Jenna Soelberg, Bryce Paris, Elise Sadler, Abby Quirk, Ashton Zdziarski, Sarah Paul. Mrs. Bernard received a faculty award as well. Winning art will be displayed at Water Street Studios in Batavia. Choir are prepping for Mosaic and all access choir will be having a concert as well. The Giving Tree is kicking off. FOFA was thanked for feeding junior high students, concert reception, jazz clinics, and all volunteers. District ILMEA festival is Saturday and Jazz festival was last Saturday. DGN is sending 38 students to ILMEA. Band is playing at the game on Saturday. A Gwen Casten grant has been approved and is being used. Mosaic will be using online ticketing and seat choice will be available. Tickets will still be free. Thespians will help walk-ins with seating. Livestream issues are a concern for concert streaming. A grant request has been submitted to the DGJWC for recording equipment. The Mosaic concert will be recorded by a separate entity and not affected by this.
  - ii. **Amanda Zall** - Tri M has 130 students. DGS has 65 students and DGN has the rest. Band, choir and orchestra are all represented. Students are recruiting students from district 58 to continue fine arts involvement. They are volunteering with many projects and need service points. Orchestra will be playing in Boston Symphony Hall, they are having fundraisers to help support this trip. Orchestra is largest program has been and DGN and DGS will be able to have separate concerts for some of the bands

## 5. Updates

- a. **Hospitality/Volunteers** - No intermission at Lost Girl, no concessions needed. Mosaic art show hospitality dessert table will be done. Tri M students will help with Candy distribution. QR code can be put out for spiritwear sales and donation.
- b. **Fundraising** -
  - i. **Candy Sales** - K. Nelson - reported that we are all set, delivery of candy has been made. Pickup will be done Saturday the 18th with a drive thru in the Forest Street Circle. Sales were around \$3100. Sales have been declining over the past few years. 31 orders were made this year. Marketing was done through a variety of avenues.
  - ii. **Bubble House Bingo** - J. VanHoutan reported that Parent social night will be held November 15th at BubbleHouse Brewing Co. 7-9:30 PM. We currently have 40 people coming and prizes.

## 6. Committee Reports

- a. **Scholarship** - Forms for college scholarships will be reviewed to add follow up contact. New Gwen Casten Grant forms were created.
- b. **Volunteer** - Discussed use of Tri-M students in volunteering or food donations.
- c. **Fundraising** - In kind donations are being sought for gift baskets, sponsorship levels for direct cash are being sought. There are multiple levels of sponsorships. J. VanHoutan has a sheet and letter if info is needed
- d. **Communications** - Getting word out about Mosaic seating will be needed.

## 7. Adjournment - H. Pleune 1st to motion, G. Wych 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Join us at our next meeting at 7:00 pm Monday December 11th, 2023 in the Alumni Room

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune