

DGN FRIENDS OF FINE ARTS MEETING MINUTES

January 10th, 2023

7:00pm

Members in attendance at the meeting: Ziba Irvin, Sharon Gruzka, Jen VanHoutan, Beverly Cook, Brayer Teague, Mark Pierret, Jessie Gwozdz, Jeff Gwozdz, Megan Clark, Kelly Henrickson, Kathy Nelson, Justin Smith, Jessica Chase, Sara Farrero, Stephanie Brockway, Carrie Swenson, Chris Waden, Heather Pleune

Call to Order: Z. Irvin called the meeting to order and welcomed members at 7:04 pm. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: December's meeting minutes were approved by J. Smith and S. Farrero 2nd.

President's report: Z. Irvin thanked all volunteers and welcomed members to the new year. Thanked everyone for their participation with the London Trip.

VP of Finance: M. Pierret reported that federal forms have been filed, Illinois state forms will be mailed later this week.

Treasurer's Reports: S. Gruszka reviewed the YTD Budget to Actual. Candy sales have been paid, \$2798.61 net. Contributing members were significant. Spiritwear sales came in as well. B. Teague thanked FOFA for jackets used on the London Tour.

VP Contributing Members: J. Chase reported that approximately YTD total donations were \$16,088. Thank you letters have been sent.

VP Fundraising: J. Van Houtan reported that K. Henrickson was working on the logo and they have two designs to choose from. The Dessert Showcase will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 on February 25th at DGN. Culvers has sponsored \$500. Auction item donation requests have been made. Baking donations are being sought after. S. Farrero is working on volunteer sign ups. J. VanHoutan reported that they are setting up the event in the commons and the ticketing is currently being developed. C. Swenson mentioned that volunteering needs could be sent out via social media when needed.

J. Gwozdz asked about DGS volunteers for the art show this weekend and DGS volunteers for upcoming events. Z. Irvin will talk to FOFA at DGS to help encourage their participation.

VP Volunteer Resources: S. Farrero reported that the next event will be a choral showcase that needs volunteers. Z. Irvin will update S. Farreo on this. J. Smith reported that the Jr. High Pep Band night is this Saturday. Pizza will be ordered. If volunteers are needed S. Farrero will be alerted. Volunteer requests will be sent for Dessert Showcase and shared with social media. FOFA will have a table at the incoming Freshman night to advertise and educate incoming parents about FOFA. Discussion about hosting cookies for final choir and band concerts at Herrick.

Communications Chair: C. Swenson reported that Instagram is live and she would like to post for the Dessert Showcase, this could include raffle baskets. Facebook and the blog are also available for posts.

Scholarship Chair: Z. Irvin reported that applications will open the 29th of January and will close the 22nd of March. K. Henrickson, S. Brockway, S. Farrero, B. Cook offered to assist.

Teachers reports:

M. Clark reported that Theater fest is this weekend with Bombitty being showcased. Students are participating in the state show "Shrek" and students will participate in workshops. Work on Chicago has begun.

J. Smith reported that London was successful and he is working on putting together a video for social media. A recruitment video was produced and recruitment is underway at the Junior high. Pep band is underway. Purdue and NIU jazz festivals are coming up. 6 band students are going to All State.

B. Teague reported that choir and orchestra concerts are upcoming and both are sending students to All State. He is recruiting for visual arts and theater as well. Visual art staff is focused on the Scholastic Art regional show. This will be hosted at DGN. The works will be adjudicated on Saturday. Winning pieces will be brought here for a curated exhibition on January 29th.

H.Pleune thanked B.Teague for the radio show interview on WGN

New Business: Z. Irvin introduced a new scholarship - Brayer Teague Senior Scholarship for a student that is pursuing fine arts education. This was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 by Z. Irvin. C.Waden 1st the motion and 2nd by C. Swenson.

The next FOFA meeting will be held on Monday February 13th at 7:00 pm in the Alumni Room.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune