

## DGN FRIENDS OF FINE ARTS MEETING MINUTES

February 13th, 2023

7:00pm

**Members in attendance at the meeting:** Ziba Irvin, Sharon Gruzka, Beverly Cook, Brayer Teague, Jessica Chase, Michelle Heinz, Kelly Henrickson, Chris Waden, Robin Bican, Heather Pleune

**Call to Order:** Z. Irvin called the meeting to order and welcomed members at 7:03 pm.

**Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** January's meeting minutes were approved by K. Henrickson and B. Cook 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**President's report:** Z. Irvin welcomed members and members introduced themselves. Z. Irvin reported that all areas of FOFA have been busy and well staffed. Some new volunteers have participated. We are looking forward to the winter fundraiser.

**VP of Finance:** Z. Irvin reported that 1099 forms were sent out prior to the end of January and will be on time for submission.

**Treasurer's Reports:** S. Gruszka reviewed the YTD Budget to Actual. Winter fundraiser donations are starting to come in. Some companies are donating money. All state dinner was \$942.27. \$15 was spent to file tax forms. Gwen Casten funding was moved to reserve funding.

**VP Contributing Members:** J. Chase reported that approximately YTD 76 donations have been made. Total is now at least \$17,614. Thank you letters have been sent.

### **VP Fundraising:**

**Dessert Showcase:** Z. Irvin reported that 67 attendee tickets have been purchased. We will begin to share the showcase acts and activities in advertising. This includes solo and ensemble performances and a musical preview. Social media will be involved. We will be checking into ways to cross advertise on social media. Tri-M students will be volunteering. Middle schools will hopefully be sharing this information. Volunteer sign up sheets may need to be updated.

**Plant Sale:** Z. Irvin reported that Jeff Gwodz is contacting last year's vendor and will report on this in March.

**Musical Flower Sales:** Z. Irvin reported that K. France will be arranging flower sales again this year. Prices may be adjusted for single and double stems. Bouquets will be a presale item.

**Musical Concessions:** Concessions will be sold at the show and same amount will be purchased as last year

**VP Volunteer Resources:** Z. Irvin reported S. Farrero was happy with the number of volunteers that have been signing up. The Dessert Showcase sign ups will be reviewed.

**Communications Chair:** Z. Irvin reported that C. Swenson is involved with advertising for Dessert Showcase

**Scholarship Chair:** Z. Irvin reported that applications are open and will close the 22nd of March. K. Henrickson, S. Brockway, S. Farrero, B. Cook will be assisting.

**Teachers reports:**

R. Bican reported that the Scholastic Show was a huge success with new parent volunteers. More DGS volunteers would be welcome. Judges were in person and this was the first time since the pandemic. Positive feedback was received regarding this. The Art Connected Show is coming up at the Bridgeport Art Center in March. Scholarships are being applied for by students for summer and college opportunities. This is a state-wide show. We have five students who have already been selected to participate in the show. The Woodridge Library show will be the 12th of April and have DGN and DGS students participating. Amy and R. Bican will be working on having a pendant making session at the Dessert Showcase. Teachers will be making items to include in donation baskets.

B. Teague thanked FOFA for support at recent concerts. Choir and band concerts were good lengths and students enjoyed watching the other performances. Orchestra will be performing in March. The Pit Orchestra is excited to begin working on the Musical stage. Bombitty of Errors attended the State Theater Festival.

**New Business:** No new business

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 by Z. Irvin. H. Pleune 1st the motion and 2nd by K. Henrickson.

The next FOFA meeting will be held on Tuesday March 14th at 7:00 pm in the Alumni Room.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune