

DGN Friends of Fine Arts Meeting
October 10, 2023
7:00 pm
Downers Grove North Alumni Room

Members in Attendance: Z. Irvin, G. Wych, S. Farrero, M. Volker, J. Van Houtan, K. Nelson, J. Gwodz, M. Heinz, J. Kinnavy, S. Brockway, A. Heer, R. Hose

1. **Welcome and Introductions** - Z. Irvin welcomed all members at 7:04pm, all members introduced themselves
2. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes approved by all members present
3. **President's Report** - Z. Irvin reviewed the volunteering that we have done in the Fine Arts department to date. S. Farrero was recognized for her efforts.
4. **Business**
 - a. **Teacher's Reports**
 - i. **M. Volker** reported that they have hospitality for the Mosaic Art show in December and the Scholastic Regional art show hospitality in January. The Gwodz family has helped with this in the past and they are searching for a family who can assist with this. He thanked FOFA for scholarships that were awarded to arts students over the summer.
 - ii. **Gina Wych** Theater presented the One Acts play, Choir had a concert, Sounds of the Stadium will be taking place in the auditorium, Orchestra concert and band concerts are coming up. Preparations for Mosaic are underway. She confirmed that we will be providing food for the Junior High students for the Junior High Night Football game. Field house is allowing food. Discussed needing liaisons for each fine arts department and having a FOFA place for storage in the Fine Arts Office
5. **Updates**
 - a. **Hospitality/Volunteers** - S.Farrero - Reviewed the need for having some supplies in the Fine arts office and helping to prepare for hospitality events. Allen Hoag will be asked if he can help set out the tub and tables. Will put a sign in the bin asking to send a photo and list of needed supplies via text to S. Farrero. Discussed needs for a volunteer calendar based on the department with all dates at the beginning of the year.
 - b. **Fundraising** -
 - i. **Candy Sales** - K. Nelson - reported that we want to kick off sales this week. It was posted on social media today and will be advertised to families and teachers, blast email will be sent next week to remind

ordering. Pick up is the 18th of November, Tri-M Volunteers and 3 to 4 adult volunteers will be needed. Parents club will be

- ii. **Vertical Raise** - J. VanHoutan \$2200 was raised by about ten kids. We will discuss pros and cons for this type of fundraiser in the future. There were concerns for how to market and timing of the event.
- iii. **Bubble House Bingo** - J. VanHoutan reported that Parent social night will be held November 15th at BubbleHouse Brewing Co. 7-9:30 PM. Parents will be advertising this.
- iv. **Spirit Wear** - M. Heinz reported that since July 2023 \$2938.30 has been raised, sold out of stadium seats and some t-shirts. This includes in person and online sales.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Scholarship** - Working on developing new Casten Grant forms
- b. **Volunteer** - Working on Developing a tote for easy set up for hospitality and strategy for increasing volunteers
- c. **Fundraising** - Working on sponsorship and in-kind donation letters and using a tracker for this information as well. Will speak with G. Wych about programming scheduling. Will determine the need for volunteers for the Bingo Fundraiser.

7. Adjournment - H. Pleune 1st to motion, S. Brockway 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Join us at our next meeting at 7:00 November 14th, 2023 in the Alumni Room
Please note the December meeting will be at 7:00 on MONDAY December 11th.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune