

DGN Friends of Fine Arts Meeting
September 12, 2023
7:00 pm
Downers Grove North Alumni Room

Members in Attendance: Kathrina Dubnicek, Sharon Gruszka, Kathy Yee, Stephanie Brockway, Amy Heer, Carrie Contreras, Jessica Chase, Kelly Henrikson, Karrie Donat, Wendy Nystrom, Michelle Heinz, Beverly Cook, Chris Waden, Ziba Irvin, Heather Pleune, Anita Behary, Sara Farrero, Carrie Swenson, RoseMary Hose

1. **Welcome and Introductions** - Z. Irvin welcomed all members at 7:07pm, all members introduced themselves
2. **Approval of Minutes** - B. Cook 1st approved, K. Henrickson 2nd
3. **President's Report** - Z. Irvin Word of the year "Onward" for 2022/2023, "Connections" is word of the year for 2023/2024. FOFA is all about making personal connections in all we do and this is what motivates our organization. Meetings will look differently.
4. **Business**
 - a. **Approval of 2023/2024 Budget** - B. Cook presented the budget, reviewed how numbers were created. Some changes will be made to category labels, procedure for making changes mid year are in the bylaws. K. Henrickson 1st and S. Brockway 2nd. All members voted "yea".
 - b. **Teacher's Reports**
 - i. **Gina Wych** - Thanked FOFA and parents and introduced herself. She came here from Minooka High School. She serves on the ILMEA executive board. She is excited to be involved with all our art departments.
 - ii. **Beth O'Riordan** - Thanked members for help with Choir robes.
 - iii. **Jessen Smith** - Thanked parents for attending, band camp volunteers and ice cream social, marching band volunteers. 1st marching band performance is this Friday.
5. **Committee Introductions & Meetings**
 - a. **Fundraising** - Ziba Irvin - February fundraiser was discussed, have letters for sponsors
 - b. **Communications/Marketing** - Carrie Swenson & Sharon Gruszka - Looking for liaison for each department to share information/photos/updates/short video clip.
 - c. **Hospitality/Volunteers** - Sara Farrero - Reviewed committee responsibilities, parent recruitment
 - d. **Scholarships & Grants** - Heather Pleune & Bev Cook - Looking to increase knowledge of summer opportunities and advertisement of scholarships. Also

make connections for students who accept scholarships with follow up the next year or connecting with students as a resource

6. **New Business** - Bags link signup is on “DGN-FOFA.org”, Vertical Raise campaign Ends September 26th, Bubblehouse Bingo Bash November 15th - Look under fundraising events or follow FOFA on Facebook.. Please sign up for football volunteering.
7. **Adjournment** - H. Pleune 1st to motion, K. Henrikson 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Join us at our next meeting at 7:00 October 10th, 2023 in the Alumni Room

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune