

DGN FRIENDS OF FINE ARTS MEETING MINUTES

November 15th, 2022

7:00pm

Members in attendance at the meeting: Frank Piekarz, Jessica Chase, Megan Clark, Janet Taylor, Brayer Teague, Carrie Swenson, Cynthia Arnold, Robyn Bican, Michelle Heinz, Jessie Gwzodz, Jeff Gwozdz Beverly Cook, Chris Waden, Heather Pleune, Wendy Nystrom, Sharon Gruzka, Mark Pierret, Jen VanHoutan, Amanda Zall, Kathy Nelson, Heather Pleune, Ziba Irvin, Carrie Contreras

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

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: October's meeting minutes were approved by C. Waden and C. Arnold 2nd

President's report: Z. Irvin presented on charitable giving trends highlighting the facts that small donations and participation are essential for FOFA and how grateful she is that we are able to fight statistics demonstrating reduced involvement and donations.

VP of Finance: M. Pierret reported that the 990 tax form is currently being prepared. This should be filed before the due date of December 15th.

Treasurer's Reports: S. Gruszka reviewed the YTD Budget to Actual. Almost \$2000 was made at the bags fundraiser. Two grants were paid out of the Gwen Casten Fund.

VP Contributing Members: J. Chase reported that approximately \$5500 in donations were made in October. Some donations have already been made for November. .

VP Fundraising: J. Van Houtan reported that the online campaign raised approximately \$2600. She is working on the winter fundraiser, to be held February 25th, and will be contacting those who will be donating time and money. Social media will be used to spread information. We will have an insert in the Mosaic flier that will have a digital donation option and a save date for the winter fundraiser as well.

- A. Spiritwear - M. Heinz, W. Nystrom reported sales of spirit wear at concerts and that there will be sales at the art Mosaic show. Emails will be sent for holiday sales. Tee spring sales are now attached to the bank account.
- B. Fannie May - K. Nelson reported that candy sales are being delivered this week and drive through pick up will happen this Saturday. Tri M students will be runners. The candy will be inventoried. Invoices will be checked for shortages or overages.

VP Volunteer Resources: S. Farrero was not present but Z. Irvin reported all is going well.

Communications Chair: C. Swenson reported that she would like to have the ILMEA student award winners reported on social media. She feels an Instagram page would be great. Z. Irvin and B. Teague will examine this opportunity and determine how to obtain permission for posting.

Teachers reports:

B. Teague shared that Janet Taylor has joined the visual arts department. J. Taylor shared her background and excitement to be teaching at DGN.

B. Teague shared that preparations were well underway for Mosaic. The 4 X 5 Art show winners were congratulated and reviewed. Robyn Bican won a faculty award at this show as well. She reviewed her art piece "Motherhood Dynasty".

B. Teague shared that the One Acts plays open this Thursday and ticket sales have been excellent. When this wraps, the school musical preparations will begin for "Chicago". Preparations are being made for the London Tour with the band and choir.

B. Teague reported on Gwen Casten Impact Grant plans. FOFA received nearly \$50,000 in donations in her memory. The Casten family was consulted and they are happy to have the funds used to support private lessons and instrument upgrades for students in need. 3 types of grants will be offered. Full private lesson tuition, instrument upgrades and partial lesson tuition scholarships will be available. Students will be identified and applications submitted by faculty to DGN FOFA. FOFA will attempt to sustain and invest funds donated to keep funds available as long as possible. There have been two recipients thus far this semester. Upgraded instruments will be tracked. As long as the student is making music in their lives they will hold onto the instrument. If they have completed their time with the instrument, they are asked to return the instrument for use by another student at DGN.

Old Business: Z. Irvin reported that microphones will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business: Z. Irvin disclosed that S. Gruska works for the company that we purchase insurance from. S. Gruska earns \$20 from the sale of our policy. There was motion by H. Pleune and a 2nd by W. Nystrom and the assembled voted to continue the purchase this year.

J. Gwozdz asked about volunteer coordination for Mosaic. Z. Irvin will facilitate this.

Z. Irvin reported that M. Pierret will be providing cookies and water for the meal between the Mosaic shows for the students

S. Gruska reported that DGN students have art on display at the DG Library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 by Z. Irvin. J. Van Houtan 1st the motion and 2nd by W. Nystrom.

The next FOFA meeting will be held on Monday December 12th at 7:00 pm in the Alumni Room.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune