

DGN FRIENDS OF FINE ARTS MEETING MINUTES

March 14th, 2023

7:00pm

Members in attendance at the meeting: Ziba Irvin, Sharon Gruzka, Beverly Cook, Brayer Teague, Mark Pierret, Heather Pleune, Jeff Gwozdz, Jessica Chase, Carrie Swenson, Wendy Nystrom, Beth O'Riordan, Chris Waden, Jen Van Houtan, Michelle Heinz, Sarah Farrero, Josh Hoering

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: February's meeting minutes were approved by S. Farrero and C. Waden 2nd.

President's report: Z. Irvin reported that all areas of FOFA have been busy and well staffed. The dessert showcase was successful. J. Van Houtan and B. Teague and J. Chase were all thanked as well as the other volunteers. Musical volunteers were thanked.

VP of Finance: M. Pierrette reported that 1099 forms were sent out prior to the end of January and were on time for submission.

Treasurer's Reports: B.Cook reviewed the YTD Budget to Actual. An Amazon Smile donation came in for \$100.54. Profit for dessert showcase is estimated at \$8500. Discussion of ticket prices ensued and higher ticket prices will be considered for students. The option of some donation tickets will be offered next year for those in need.

VP Contributing Members: J. Chase reported that approximately YTD 71 donations have been made for Contributing Members. \$395.35 in new contributions were reported in February. The total year to date is now at least \$18,054. Thank you letters have been sent.

VP Fundraising:

Dessert Showcase: J. Van Houtan reviewed that we had an appropriate amount of desserts and approximately 80 students participated in the event. She thanked the teachers for their donations. There has been positive feedback from teachers, audience members and volunteers.

Plant Sale: J. Gwozdz reported that we have the same vendor as last year. Saturday May 6th will be the plant pick up, April 10th will be the due date for orders. Wufoo order forms will be updated. The Fine Arts Blog will be updated. Social media will be used for advertising in the school and across the community. Volunteers will be needed for pick up day.

Musical Flower Sales and Concessions: S. Farrero reported that sales were strong Friday and Saturday. Flowers sold out. K. France did an excellent job and was thanked.

VP Volunteer Resources: S. Farrero was happy with the volunteer sign up.

Communications Chair: C. Swenson reported we are having a handful of new followers weekly on Facebook and Instagram.

Scholarship Chair: H. Pleune reported that applications are open and will close the 22nd of March. K. Henrickson, S. Brockway, S. Farrero, B. Cook will be assisting. A reminder will be sent out. B. Teague will send out a reminder in Parent Square.

Teachers reports:

J. Hoering reported that art has been delivered to Bridgeport Art Center for the State show. The visual arts students whose portfolios were represented earned \$4,800,000.00 in scholarship offers.

B. O'Riordan reported that the vocal festival had a run-off and 9 students will be singing in the district honors recital next week. The choral showcase is being prepared and choreography has begun. The graduation concert is coming up quickly.

B. Teague reported that the District 99 Orchestra concert is the 22nd of this month. The next Jazz band concert is April 11th. The German music exchange will be held this year in Downers Grove and is their first gathering post-Covid. They will be coming after this school year has finished. Information has been shared with families about hosting students. Gina Wick will be the new department chair starting the 2023-24 school year. There will be a concert on April 29th to honor Mr. Teague. Alumni will be playing. A musical piece was commissioned for this concert and it has begun to be rehearsed by the wind ensemble. The composer of this commissioned piece is working with the students as well. This will be performed at the graduation concert as well. He also thanked FOFA for the flowers that were presented to adults and teachers at the musical Chicago.

New Business: Z. Irvin asked for ideas on how to engage members and volunteers. Leadership and Membership ideas are needed for recruitment. J. Van Houtan thought more marketing would be helpful. Also asking people what their interest and skills fall into at the September meeting and placing members into committees.

Z. Irvin also introduced the need for a nominating committee. S. Farrero will confirm the date.

B. Cook mentioned a need for keeping the Blogspot up to date. The Fundraising tab contains some older information. C. Swenson will look through the blog and see if updates are needed.

S. Gruska asked that extra attention be given to emails that are attached to the old Wufoo forms.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm by Z. Irvin. H. Pleune 1st the motion and 2nd by C. Waden.

The next FOFA meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18th at 7:00 pm in the Alumni Room.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune