

## DGN FRIENDS OF FINE ARTS MEETING MINUTES

October 11th, 2022

7:00pm

**Members in attendance at the meeting:** Jessica Chase, Sara Farrero, Brayer Teague, Beverly Cook, Chris Waden, Heather Pleune, Wendy Nystrom, Sharon Gruzska, Stephanie Brockway, Jen VanHoutan, Amanda Zall, Kathy Nelson, Robbie Hicks, Marty Voelker, Karrie Donat

**Call to Order:** H. Pleune called the meeting to order and welcomed members at 7:04 pm. Members introduced themselves.

**Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** May meeting minutes need slight amendment in that " S. Gruzska reviewed the YTD Budget presented up to July 2022" and were approved by J. Chase and 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Van Houtan

**President's report:** H. Pleune shared Z. Irvin's notes that this past month was a busy one with meeting new members, trying new things, and moving forward with familiar activities. We will be moving "onward"!

**Treasurer's Reports:** S. Gruzska reviewed the YTD Budget. Total net income at the end of September 2022 is \$2,674.33. The parent social fundraiser brought in \$1,704.69. And was over the estimate of \$1000.00.

**VP Contributing Members:** J. Chase reported that 5 donations were made in September and so far 10 have been made in October. She is working on reconciling the statements for the month and will report totals next month. B. Teague reported that forms need to be updated with correct contact information and will contact Z. Irvin regarding this.

**VP Volunteer Resources:** S. Farrero reported that the volunteer sign-ups are completed. Leftover cookies, chips and water from the Bags, Brews and Baskets tournament were used for the theater dinner. J. Chase volunteered to assist with the purchasing of balloons and supervision of students decorating for Sounds of the Stadium.

**VP Fundraising:** J. Van Houtan reported on new fundraising efforts. The Vertical Raise fundraiser launched on 9/30 and runs through 10/21. As of 10/11 we have 6 fine arts students signed up. Please encourage students to sign up and share this information with the parents you know who have fine arts students at DGN. If we have 150 students raise \$200 each we can reach our goal of \$30,000. The winter fundraiser event will be "Fine Arts Sweets and Treats" on February 25th, 2023. Numerous volunteers will be needed and planning continues. A social media calendar has been created to organize posts. It is recommended that all FOFA social media posts are scheduled and/or tracked on this calendar.

**Spiritwear:** W. Nystrom reported that there is \$200 in a pay pal account that needs to be transferred out. S. Gruska will share the tax ID and FOFA account information so this can be done. Sales will be held during concerts. There is interest in a “we love our band” “we love our team” t-shirt. This may be added to the website for ordering.

**Fannie May:** K. Nelson reported that sales are ready to launch October 12th. The Woofu form is set up and candy will be delivered November 19th.

**Bags and Baskets:** S. Gruzka thanked the following companies and individuals for their donations: Aurelios Pizza, Board and Brush Downers Grove, Fair Oaks Contractors. The Lerch Family, Mint Nails, Pinot’s Palette Naperville, Theater of Western Springs, Tivoli Bowl and Wilco. Interestingly, the items with the most tickets were the boards from Fair Oaks Contractors, reserved Mosaic seats, and Aurelio's pizzas. The Riske family and board members were thanked for their assistance. 14 teams played bags, 40 people attended the event. Positive feedback was received on raffle items.

**Communications Chair:** C. Swenson was not in attendance but was wished a Happy Birthday!

#### **Teachers reports:**

Robbie Hicks was introduced by B. Teague. R Hicks reported that she was thrilled to be here at DGN. She previously taught in Joliet and Morris and was thrilled to answer Mr. Smith’s job ad. She is currently teaching band at DGS and digital music at both campuses and helping out with band and orchestra at DGN.

M.Volker: Art shows are beginning! The Chicagoland 4X5 has over 60 schools involved and is the next show. Entries will be dropped off there this weekend. Next is a District 99 show at the DGPL in November. The Scholastic regional show and Art Connect shows will be following. We will host the regional art show here at DGN, with over 40 schools participating. He is proud of our students and their work. He requested assistance with the regional show if volunteers are needed. There are about 12 shows a year that we participate in. FOFA will support these events

Amanda Zall reported that the orchestra concert will be next Wednesday with the theme “Music Unites Us”. B. Hernandez wrote a piece that will be performed. Dancers will also perform along with the performance. Tri-M has 120 students who need volunteer hours. Please ask her for help with volunteer opportunities for them. District 58 parents may also reach out about food.

B.Teague reported that there is a choir concert tomorrow evening. Sounds of the Stadium is next Friday in the purple gym. Communications will be sent out regarding playoff games. The theater program was proud of the production of “It Can’t Happen Here”. Mr. Moses was very supportive of the students.

**New Business:** J. Van Houtan asked if FOFA would be able to help with microphones, purchasing or repairing. B. Teague will follow up on this.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 by H.Pleune. W. Nystrom 1st the motion and B. Cook 2nd.

The next FOFA meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on November 15th in the Alumni Room.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune