

DGN Friends of Fine Arts Meeting
March 12th, 2024
7:00 pm
Downers Grove North Alumni Room

Members in Attendance: Z. Irvin, B. Cook, H. Pleune, G. Wych, J VanHoutan, S. Farrero, S. Brockway, K. Donat, J Gwozdz, J. Gwozdz, A. Heer, K. Henrikson

Welcome and Introductions - Z. Irvin called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes - February meeting minutes approved by all members present S. Brockway 1st and K. Henrikson 2nd the motion.

President's Report - Z. Irvin thanked all Dessert Fundraiser volunteers and sponsors. Suggestion was made to put sponsors names on the website.

Teacher's Reports - Gina Wych

Olivia Bruce is doing a great job as A. Bernard's long term sub. Art Show season is upon us. \$1,820,000 were earned in scholarship offers, 9 students were selected to show art in the Senior Art Competition. They are getting ready for the Spring Art Show.

J. Hoering is being certified for the summer art trip to Italy. R. Bican will also be going on the Italy trip. Little Mermaid opens this weekend. The set is amazing and even includes the pit area. Jazz cafe was a huge success, FOFA was thanked for providing food. Art gallery display was set up for Dessert Cafe. Hosted in house DGN and DGS orchestra competition and was very successful. Outside judges were chosen and all went well. Jazz students enjoy the dessert showcase. Spoke about the need for advertising for Little Mermaid. A.Zall is leaving DGN to go to graduate school at the University of Michigan. The open position will become a separate position for DGN and DGS. We will be hiring a Head Orchestra full time position that is a string specialist. The position is posted.

Committee Updates

- a. **Volunteer Needs** - S. Farrero said all is going well. She will be reaching out for concert volunteers. Musical volunteers are being sought, there will be two tables for concessions in the lobby. There will be candy and water. There will be a need for two cash boxes. No spirit wear will be sold. Art shows and plant sales are being readied. Flower prices have gone up for Musical flowers. Kristen France is again providing services.
- b. **Fundraising** -
 - i. **Dessert Showcase - J. Van Houtan** Recapped the event and thanked all volunteers. Over 140 performers, visual art students displayed art, 209 tickets sold, increase of ticket sales from last year, faculty and staff were thanked. Had 19 student volunteers, 33 parent volunteers. Hundreds of desserts, 23 silent auction items yielded just under \$4000. 12 raffle items

were obtained. 50/50 split the pot was \$470. 26 supporters, 4 sponsorships. Speakeasy raffle raised \$375. Grand total raised \$12,374 after expenses; this was an increase from last year.

ii. **Flower Sale - J. Gowzdz** - Same vendor as last year, wufoo is updated and will go live soon. K. Henrikson will make a QR Code to send out. Suggestions were made to get the information out to the community.

c. **Scholarships - H. Pleune** reported that Scholarships and Summer Grants have gone live and are being advertised. 2 applicants have been submitted. Asked for FOFA members to advertise. And will send reminders out. Z. Irvin updated on Summer Scholarships

Old Business

Z. Irvin - Reminded that we need nominating committee people:

- a. Treasurer:
- b. President Elect:
- c. Communications and Social Media:
- d. Fundraising:
- e. Scholarships and Grants:

Adjournment - H.Pleune 1st to motion, A.Heer 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Our next meeting date is Thursday April 11th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Alumni Room

Respectfully submitted by Heather Pleune