

DGN Friends of Fine Arts Meeting
October 15, 2024
7:00 pm
Downers Grove North Alumni Room

Members in Attendance: C. Waden, M. Heinz, J. Chase, L. Achilles, G. Wych, A. West, K. Nelson, B. Ormbrek, S. Farerro, K. Henrikson, J. Larkin, A. Heer, S. Brockway, K. Donat

Welcome and Introductions - C. Waden called the meeting to order at 7:08

Approval of Minutes - September meeting minutes approved by all members present J Chase 1st motion and M. Heinz 2nd the motion.

President's Report - Welcome. Bubblehouse Bingo Bash had a great turnout. The annual event is an easy and inexpensive event to promote FOFA. Special thanks to Andy Powlak for emceeing. Thank you to all band and choir parent volunteers for their help at recent events. Homecoming is this weekend and the marching band could still use help with uniforms and water distribution. We will not sell spirit wear at HOCO due to other events coming up that are more focused.

A new email was recently sent out with additional hospitality signups for the upcoming fall concerts. Please consider volunteering if you are able.

We will be promoting the DGN fall play *Puffs* by adding ticket and event information to the programs for choir and band concerts this month.

FOFA would like your help in getting info out to the public. If you see one of our FB or Instagram posts, please share and repost to help promote programs for the Fine Arts Dept.

Teacher's Reports -

G.Wych - Thank you for helping with all the recent events.

TMB participated in the DGS Music Bowl last weekend. They had a strong performance and we are super proud of all the students. We used our new trailer for instrument transport. The trailer was provided by the school and will also be used by other departments.

This year Tri-M has transitioned to IL Music Honor Society (ILMHS). Current Tri-M students were automatically enrolled in the new program. It is still a point based service system and students complete service hours to meet their goals. New, and existing members, induction will now be held in the fall. Unlike past years, freshmen are not able to be inducted because students must be enrolled in at least one full semester of fine arts prior to induction. This year's induction ceremony will be on Mon, Oct 21 at 7pm. There are 58 new and current members for this school year.

ILMEA results were posted today. There are 32 ensemble selections across choir, orchestra, concert band and jazz band.

Upcoming concerts, Oct 24 (choir), Oct 21 (concert bands), Oct 30 (jazz)

Homecoming and Alumni Night being celebrated at this week's football game. Over 50 alumni plan to participate in the alumni band performance.

A. West - New Orchestra and Rock Band teacher at DGN. First orchestra concert of the year is Thur, Oct 24. It will be combined with the Herrick orchestra students. The Orchestra student board is busy getting the music library in order. She is working on getting guest clinicians in for students this fall and in the spring. Also planning an orchestra field trip to Chicago Symphony Orchestra in March 2025. She is the new ILMHS faculty adviser. Induction will take place on Mon, Oct 21 and service awards will be given at the end of the school year. Thank you to FOFA for help and assistance thus far.

Committee Updates

a. Hospitality/Volunteer - S. Ferrero

Sent out volunteer signup for upcoming concerts. Can set up hospitality for Puffs if needed but theater usually organizes within participating families.

J. Larkin willing to be theater liaison to help with communications

b. Fundraising - J. Chase

Fanny May Candy Sales - K. Nelson

Will need volunteers to help with candy pick up - both adults and ILMHS students. The candy order link is now live and will remain open until Nov 1. Candy will be picked up at DGN on Nov 23.

Dessert Showcase - J. Chase - will email the committee to start planning for the March 22 event.

c. Communications/Marketing - K. Henrickson

Will generate a QR code for candy sales which will be sent to A. Hogg to be included in upcoming concert programs

d. Scholarships/Grants - We are still looking for someone to take on this role.

Anyone interested should contact C. Waden.

e. Spirit Wear - We are looking for someone to shadow M. Heinz this year and

take over spirit wear next year. Contact M. Heinz or C. Waden if interested.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjournment - S. Ferrero 1st to motion, J. Larkin 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Our next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 12, 2024