

FAST Committee Meeting

April 4, 2023 | 7:00 pm | LHS Rm 1107



Attendees:

Committee Members: Deb Townander, Jean Kim, Diane Taranowski, Kendra Gohr, Michelle Thompson, Jessica Brown, Nicole Marselle, Heather Chen, Julie Block-Terson, Eric Mueller, Lindsay Scott

At large: Judi Huhr, Eleni Mueller, Robin Frey

Regrets:

Committee Members: Shannon McCane -out ill

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Agenda

Executive Committee Reports

President (Deb)

- Welcome
- All documents have been submitted for the Willa Innis and FAST scholarships. They will be announced at the ceremony on April 28th.

Vice-President (Jean)

- Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped out this year, working the FAST table as well as recruiting more helpers.
- Continuing to reach out to feeder schools to generate/keep interest in parent support for the fine arts. Contacts made at Oak Grove and HMS.
- Please let me know if you need any additional sign-ups created for the remainder of this year's events.

Secretary (Jennie)

- T-shirt orders - LAST CALL - submit order by Friday, April 14. Google Form will be sent via email.

Treasurer (Diane)

- As of 4/4/23, we have a total of \$11,310.32 in our bank accounts and cash box.

Staff Representative (Dustin)

- No report

Committee Reports

Art (Heather)

- Oak Grove Fine Arts day is on April 14th. Ray and Julie are bringing their students over to Oak Grove and giving the kids some Art experiences. Ray is doing watercolor monotypes, and Julie is doing 3D projects.
- North Suburban Conference Art show is at Lake Zurich on April 20th. Seven LHS Art students will accompany Ray and Julie to set up the show, participate in workshops and help take down the show. LHS students will have 60 or so pieces of artwork in the show, workshops and show all in one day/evening.
- The Illinois High School Art Exhibition is going on now at the Bridgeport Art Center in Chicago. The show's closing day is April 23, which is when all of the student arts events and awards ceremony will take place. I sent Eric all the names of the participating students and photos of their artworks, following up to his offer to do a promotional video for the show.
- LHS Art Show coming up on May 11-12, I'd like to send Eric photos of artwork in hopes that he might have time to produce a final promo piece for the department! Time permitting for the Art Seniors, I'll put together another slideshow to project in the gym during the show.
- Julie Johnson retirement gift - in addition to the gift card from FAST, I will purchase/coordinate a large 11x17 card for students to sign. Thought I'd have the card in the A-F LST; hoping that Dustin can email Julie's students to send instructions to go there and sign the card by April 28?

Band (Michelle/Jessica)

- We are pleased to announce that the Wind Ensemble band has been accepted to compete at Super State. They will be traveling to Urbana-Champaign on Saturday May 5th.
- The last 2 band concerts are coming up at the end of this month. The spring concert always combines the orchestra with the band. The Concert Band level will perform on Thursday April 27th and the Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble levels will perform on Thursday May 3rd. Seniors will be honored, and Band/Orchestra teams will work together on that recognition order.
- The jazz band finishes up their year with a concert on Wednesday April 12 at 7:30 pm in the Studio Theater; both levels will be performing to culminate their season.
- The Bandquet will be held on Friday May 19th at 6 pm.

Choir (Julie)

- The Portugal Educational Tour was a complete success. We shared 3 concerts on the tour and saw some amazing sites. 47 students participated and 10 adults. All travelers had a phenomenal experience in Portugal.
- Tuesday, April 4th - Michael Bultman Master Class with all choirs at LHS. Mike Bultman is the choir director at Lincoln Way Central High School in New Lenox IL. He is a long time friend of Dr. Brown's (since 1997).
- Friday, April 14th - Oak Grove Fine Arts Day - Concert Choir will perform at Oak Grove School in the afternoon as part of their Fine Arts Day. Students will leave school for a few hours to be a part of the event. - Julie also sent Mr. Farris (Choir) and Ms. Ludington (Theatre) an email.
- Wednesday, May 17th - Spring Choir Concert @ 7:30 pm in the LHS Auditorium. All choral groups will perform and senior awards will be presented.
- Thursday, May 25th - LHS Graduation 7:00 PM - All Choir juniors and seniors will attend to perform for our Graduation ceremony. Dr. Brown will bring juniors to the ceremony and back to LHS (per Dustin) by bus to meet the seniors for the final performance of the year at the NOW center in Hoffman Estates.

Concessions and Flowers (Lindsay)

- Candy and water concessions will be sold at the Spring play performances on Friday and Saturday, April 14th & 15th, both before the show and at intermission in the auditorium lobby.
- Reached out to Nicole to confirm flower and concession sale details for Orchesis concert 5/11 and 5/12.
- Maybe we consider increasing the cost for candy? Since it tends to cost \$1 to buy and donate it? General sense is that we could easily increase to \$2. Will do that for the Spring play.

Orchestra (Jennifer/Kendra)

- Mostly successful trip to France. Made it through many challenges (flight delays, lost baggage, strikes and protest). Kids powered through and found joy throughout despite trying times.
- Two concerts coming up shared with the Band, featuring 4 different senior soloists on May 4th.

Orchesis (Nicole)

- Locker decorations sometime around May 5 or May 8 to be up for production week.
- FAST sponsored food(snacks or light meal) for the Monday, May 8th rehearsal that could be dropped off and served in the Choir Room around 5pm. The head count would be approximately 55 people including the tech crew and directors. Budget is \$250.
- 2 volunteers for Cast Party set-up help, generally parents will do this. It will be held in the LHS Teacher's Cafe after the Friday, May 12 performance. We plan for it to be Potluck with food provided by dancers and pizzas bought using the Orchesis LHS Student Activities Account. We would need help transporting and setting up the food from the dropoff location of the Choir room to the Cast party location in Teacher's Cafeteria. This could be done by parent volunteers during the intermission and/or following the performance.
- Will want to do a FAST table - Nicole will connect with Jean.

Publicity (Eric)

- Will be promoting the end of year activities and events.

- May want to consider updating the webpage. We could use a QR code for the FAST tables next year.

Theatre (Shannon)

- CLUE: The shows will be April 14 and 15 at 7:30 PM in the auditorium.
- CLUE: Locker decorating at 7pm, Wednesday, April 5.
- Acting studio took a field trip to Writers Theatre on March 1 to see an amazing production of Once the Musical. We worked with a teaching artist prior and after seeing the show. We will also see a show at Northlake theater on April 27.
- Theater banquet will be Tuesday, May 16th.

Old Business

- NSC Art Show 2024 (just keeping this here as an open item for later 2023-2024 budget consideration; Principal's Fund will be primary source for funds. Unknown what needs from FAST will be at this time)
- Communications to incoming freshman parents: Deb has been in contact with Oak Grove and is having the blurb put into upcoming Fine Arts Day (April 14) and band concert (May 10) which will be held at LHS. Deb will send an email about helping with the band concert to meet other parents.
- Staff gift cards instead of staff breakfast - Deb handling and will get the names from Dustin.
- HMS Theater (Ms. Burton) will print the FAST blurb in the Musical program, and we can have a FAST table at the musical. Michelle will confirm dates. Erica Thomas (HMS Choir) indicated we could also print anything we want in their program with enough notice.

New Business

- Webpage: Donnalyn Warmbold sends a link to our webpage now instead of the info sheet. Deb will have it updated to include the updated blurb.
 - May also want to incorporate the place that at-large parents can have within FAST. Ways to support, ways to communicate, etc. Even just a quick email like Parent Cats does for their upcoming meetings, sign ups, etc.
 - Could build a mailing list - let people opt-in like Parent Cats if they are interested in updates from FAST.
 - The question that first may need to be considered is what is the involvement for parents at-large beyond the department specific emails. Visibility of FAST and our programs, ticket sales, ways to volunteer, etc.
 - Even considering highlights to incorporate Paw Prints - upcoming events/ticket sales.

Motion to adjourn made by Julie Block-Terson. Nicole Marselle seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting - May 9th, 7 pm  **FAST Meeting LHS Rm 1107**