

Friends of the Library
August 20, 2019

Members attending: Nancy Bird, Maria Bergstrom, Chelsea Peterson, Cindy Barth

1. Scavenger Hunt:
 - a. Funds raised: \$550 from business sponsorships, \$200 from team registration. Our Econo gift card donation covered the extra food expenses and Suomi donated the pannukkakku, so there were no expenses to reimburse. We will discuss at our September meeting how we will use the funds for the library.
 - b. Remaining To do items:
 - c. Thank you notes to businesses and letter to the editor
 - d. Feedback Survey to teams who participated
2. Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Tuesday, September 17, 6 pm, next Friends meeting (at the library)
 - b. Thursday, September 19, 2pm and 7 pm, Friends Recruitment Event
 - i. Coffee, desserts, informal presentation of what the Friends are are and do, and sign up sheets for different ways people can be involved
 - ii. Would be great if we can have an updated brochure or info sheet
 - c. October 4-5 Friends Book Sale
 - d. April 19-25, 2020, National Library Week (we will hold our Library Staff Appreciation this week)
3. Events for the year: as we were only 3 -4 members in attendance, we did some brainstorming but didn't make any decisions. There has been consensus in the past couple of meetings that given the low turnout for the Scavenger Hunt and the Book Art auction we should perhaps take a break from those events and try something different this year. Below are some notes from our brainstorming
 - a. Michael Stantis has offered to cook for a dinner to be held at the library. We need to talk more about this. One idea Michael had was to raise money for some portable, theater-style seating for the community room for movie showings and other events. Perhaps the dinner could raise money for that project by having people make a donation to "buy a seat"
 - b. We had talked about meeting with some local people from other organizations about large fundraisers they do and their tips:
 - i. Rhonda Bogan (Portage hospital Gift Shop), Little Brothers (Kathy Abbott?), Keweenaw Family Resource Center (Treehouse), CCAC (Cynthia Cote)
 - c. Brainstorming ideas:
 - i. Murder Mystery Dinner in the library (could be all participants, or could have option to just come and watch if don't want to be in on the murder mystery)

- ii. "Progressive" dinner and entertainment at the library:
Example: appetizers and drinks in the Michigan Room with local history short talk, something in the children's area with a magician, something in the language/travel area with travel talk, hobby area with hobby demos, music, etc.
- iii. Indoor Scavenger Hunt at the library
- iv. Scrabble tournament, maybe with suggested donation to enter
- v. Trivia competition (either at the library or perhaps at the Library Restaurant? Or Continental Fire Co.?)
- vi. Theme party: Downton Abbey, etc.
- vii. Friends-sponsored old fashioned Halloween party
- viii. Christmas event to coordinate with Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas
- ix. Child care for elementary aged kids during Ladies Night downtown (for a donation or a fee) or perhaps for Christmas Shopping season
- x. Receipt collection at Econo
- xi. Silent auction, items donated by the Friends, could be held at the library over a period of a week or two
- xii. Valentine's dance for singles as well as couples

We will meet next on Tuesday, September 17, 6 pm at the library and try to firm up plans for the year.