

Murder Mystery Committee Report (Kathi, Jay, Judy)

Recommendations to the Friends group:

- Purchase a kit and, if necessary, a license
- Ask for donations for refreshments
- Make the event interactive “scavenger hunt” style

Needed:

- Steering committee of 2 – 3. Responsibilities to include (or delegation of):
 - Selecting/purchasing the game
 - Set date and time
 - Organize set up and clean up
 - Organize snacks
 - Find actors and props
 - Arrange for publicity
- If there are people willing to serve on the steering committee, we will also need a motion to approve the expenditure of funds for a script.

Membership Committee Report (Kathi, Peggy, Sharon)

1. Dues

Recommendations: Keep current dues for individuals as they are. Create a category for staff, students (of all ages, K-college), and seniors with dues of \$5. Seek business sponsors at \$150, targeting banks this year. See how this goes. Down the road, explore the possibility of levels and lifetime membership.

2. Deliverables

Recommendations: Institute a drawing during the membership drive with two prizes: “Limited time offer: renew your membership by September 30, and have your name entered in a drawing to receive a Target gift card or \$3 worth of coupons to use in the Lobby Book Sale.”

3. Membership Expansion

Recommendations:

Hold a membership drive in September. We will write a letter to be snail-mailed to all current (and, hopefully, former) members in early September. In the letter, the following will be included:

- What we’ve done in the recent past
- What has changed this year (possible IMLS funding cuts, pausing Mini Golf)
- An appeal for additional funds: “sponsor a program”
- Volunteer opportunities, especially for those who still work: Lobby Book Sales, Obituaries Project, Food Pantry, Used Book Sale. “Can you spare two hours?”

Target local banks for corporate sponsorship via a letter, similar to the one being sent to members. Leave out volunteer opportunities, but stress sponsorship of programs: “Chair Yoga sponsored by Friends of the Library with support from Midland Bank”. Sharon (and possibly Kathi) will bring up membership at a Board meeting.

4. Brochure

Recommendations: Have only one brochure. Redesign it to be a tri-fold. Update the information and include a photo or two. Solicit a volunteer via e-mail to our members: maybe they have a son or daughter who would be interested in helping us out with the project. We would provide the content and the photos and provide input as to what we are imagining. Distribute a brochure with every checkout during drive. Also, the brochure should be displayed in acrylic holders at the circulation desk and in the lobby area.