

Fundraising Committee meeting 10/13/23

Present: Marilyn Cavanaugh, Peggy Neveu, Allison Rickenbach, Sarah Andrews, Cindy Berling, Dan Szczesny

Peggy talked to the Massabesic Senior citizens. One of their concerns was that other groups have promoted a community room that was reneged upon after the expansion was completed. They asked very good questions and Peggy promoted the open house on the 19th.

Amanda has asked Dan to speak to the PTA.

Dan spoke to the Massabesic garden club at the event Wednesday night, the 11th of October.

Dan reviewed policies for library usage when going over the questions supplied for the crib sheet for expansion committee and supporters. Forming answers to those questions is still in process. Cost and usage answers still need to be addressed.

Hosted events

Allison's open house = two weeks out. 1 RSVP yes has been received. She will text people as a follow up. The event is planned for 6-8 PM on the 27th of October. A couple of emails will go out before then.

The 9th of November will be at Amanda's parents' home. Dan will not be able to attend.

One open house should be before the end of the year and one after the first of the year. Marilyn will decide what date will work for her hosted open house.

A Library hosted event should be held before the holidays in December but before Christmas. Potentially a Wednesday while the library is open or a Saturday. Including a craft for the kids was also discussed.

Support on the budget committee is shakier than originally expected. Dan spoke to Dan Carpenter yesterday about the budget committee. Dan was one of the people that helped to buy the land for the expansion. He expects to be shown some substantial fundraising.

Sarah will conduct wealth screening to determine that an individual has the ability to donate a substantial amount.

Amanda has volunteered to approach donors as well as Dan and Peggy. Nancy will be asked as well.

Sarah told us that we should donate as well. This allows everyone to be able to ask those we approach to join us as a donor.

Rick Wenzell Oil is moving to Auburn and should be approached as a donor.

November 13th is an important meeting where we will be asked how much we have raised from fundraising. On November 30th the same thing will happen with the budget committee. Dan needs a nice big number. We have to convince them of the bond commitment. We need to convince them to support a bond that the town can vote on.

Cindy will ask members of the Friends for the information Dan needs to apply for grants.

Wednesday November 1st will be the next meeting. Every other Wednesday night will be available as hybrid meeting. Zoom option and in person at the library at 6.

Sarah has additional edits for the ASK doc. As soon as she supplies them to Cindy, the doc should be ready to be sent to the printer.