

2022 WPL Year in Review

Work was continued on making our organization compliant with the 501(3)(C) rules and regulations. Sharyl Helgeson headed this task up. She also updated our by-laws with the changes made and voted on, and passed in 2021. Policy and Procedure document for Conflict of Interest was drawn up and submitted this year along with Duties for the Offices held by the board members.

Our Fundraisers for the year were:

Wisdom & Wine Author Event, Faith Sullivan, Leif Enger, Mindy Mejia were our Guest Authors. Vicki Melbye was the lead person for this Event and it was her inspiration that brought the Event to life in 2020.. The Fundraiser was well received and allowed us to give to the library \$6000 and have seed money for the 2023 June event.

Fundraiser for the Makers Space for the Library netted an additional \$2300 for the Library. We will be looking forward to hearing more about the space in the upcoming future.

Give to the Max is an event we participate with in November in order to feed our fund which is at the Willmar Area Community Foundation. Thru this fund is where our Annual Grant to the Library is drawn. This year we wrote a check to the Foundation for \$884 and there was an additional \$259 given on line directly to the account. The Grant to the Library has been set for the amount of \$3400 and will be paid directly to them in the upcoming month.

We asked to have the Library take the lead in the Book Sale if they deem it to be a worthy endeavor for Fundraising. We will also consider a Raffle for 2023. More information will be given as things unfold.

Our Member roster is approximately 110 people. Anne Polta and I will cross reference our address labels for the Friends with the main Membership roster and get them in alignment.

We have not spent time in recruitment of members who would be willing to take on Administrative jobs and/or volunteers to help with Events. This will be a focus along with our fundraising in 2023.

Jeni Ritz ~ President