

Activities Committee Report – November 2006

Summary of Meeting:

The Activities Committee has a number of things in the works right now. For the upcoming holidays, we are once again offering our gift-wrapping services at area bookstores, to raise money for Children's Hospital. All interested volunteers should contact Megan. The Committee also has two (two!) speakers lined up for early next year, including the author of "Fleeing Fundamentalism", and someone from a conservative atheist group. And this spring over Easter weekend, be sure to mark your calendar for the national American Atheists convention right here in Seattle. We are currently looking into ways that Seattle Atheists can be a part of this unique event.

If you would like to help serve on the Activities committee, please consider attending the next meeting. Contact Wendy with any questions.

Other Notes:

Gift-wrapping – Megan set up the first few shifts at the Lynnwood Borders, will solicit volunteers and reserve more times depending on response.

Speakers –

- Shane has been talking to a guy in Ft. Lewis who runs National Atheists, a conservative atheist group. We discussed that we would be interested in inviting him to speak, and could cover his transportation costs.
- Kyle will be meeting with Carlene Cross, local author of "Fleeing Fundamentalism", to work out details. She is planning to come speak sometime in January.
- Other ideas for speakers included: ACLU, someone from Freethought Radio, the Everett atheist boy scout, Dan Barker, and Ron Reagan.
- For budgetary purposes, we would like to plan for 2 out-of-town speakers this year, at approximately \$300 each.

-Festivals/Fairs: Fremont Fair was around \$300. We would like to plan for this and up to 3 minor fairs, for a total of about \$400.

- The national AA convention is being held in Seattle next year (Easter weekend). We discussed that it would be a great opportunity for us to get some visibility by working with the convention folks, and having some kind of presence there. Craig volunteered to start looking into the convention details, and contact someone to see how we can be of help. The question was also raised about whether SA would need to be officially affiliated with AA in order to participate.

Action Items:

Craig:

Draft a Press Release for our gift-wrapping activities.

Find out information about AA convention, and make first contact about how SA can

contribute.

Jen:

Prepare Festival & Fairs spreadsheet to present to December board meeting.

Megan:

Email Craig gift-wrapping information for Press Release.

Write up reports for all of the Committee meetings, and send to Jen for Member Update.

Shane:

Tell Ernie with N.A. that we are interested in having him as a speaker, and can cover his travel costs.