

Terror for a Cause

Meeting 1 2025

April 3, 2025

Stanwood Community Library

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Attendees:

Lindsey Desmul (Secretary)

Katie Shrock (President)

Nichole Long (Vice President)

Patricius Cairus

Deborah Davis (Treasurer)

Tiffany Warrington

Sundance Warrington

Lyndsey Johnson

Shelly Whitworth-Shipley

Notes: We have submitted non-profit status to the state, the federal government, and we'll need to submit to Washington State nonprofits (where we'll submit the bylaws). There was some discussion about how long that takes - the federal approval process can take up to 5 months.

Katie read out the purpose and mission statement, and we went over the progress and success stories in the handout (attached).

ASK: Let's gather the names of all volunteers so we can recognize them in the inaugural year.
Would participants please send the names of all kids who volunteered in 2024?

The Theme of this year will be "Twisted Tales", think scary nursery rhymes and fairy tales - room ideas and stories to cover will be discussed later once we finalize the location and have a layout planned.

2025 donation organizations: Dance Project NW and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

Future organizations to donate to - Let's research organizations that give to minority members of the community for future donations. Be Legendary Foundation may be something we can support in the future.

If others have ideas of organizations they would like to see receive donations in the future, please let us know!

Lindsey went over bylaws item by item (attached).

2025 haunted house location (*not yet secured*): Stanwood Fairgrounds, Pig Barn.
Cost is \$5500 total for rental, which includes accessing the space from mid-August to mid-November; plenty of time for setup/teardown; open dates would be:

- October 3 & 4
- October 10 & 11
- October 17 & 18
- October 24 (there is a wedding on the 25th that we cannot interfere with)
- October 31
- November 1

Hours have not yet been determined.

Nichole discussed setting up bank account with Northwest Plus Credit Union - we need to wait for our federal paperwork before setting it up. We will also not be able to cash donation checks until that time so that they can be written as charitable donations. For now, we can take pledges for donations.

Event Prep: There has been no commitment made to the fairgrounds. But we need insurance. Quote from Shelly - working with one specifically for haunted houses, quote process is extensive. We need to know how many days, hours, etc. for coverage. Do we need it for setup, or just for the nights that we're open? We are open 9 days.
Can we partner with the City to donate a porta-potty or insurance. "Scare the Shit out of You" level of sponsorship.

Where does the upfront money come from? Do we have an event soon-ish to start building donations? We could have an event at the Stanwood Cinemas or the Pavilion or in Saal's upstairs room.

Ideas for donations/support:

- Contact Patricia Love at City of Stanwood
- Saal has already offered coupons to event participants.
- Family Resource Center of Stanwood - reach out to them for boosting support.
- Rent is going to a non-profit (i.e. fairgrounds)
- How do we become a member of the Chamber of Commerce?
- Snohomish County Tourism for 2026
- Stanwood-Camano News and Crab Cracker
- Angel of the Winds (501c3 June 1 grant)/ Community Center - comprehensive grant asks
- Tulalip Tribes

Storage needs to be looked into for the future. We should set some funding aside to secure a storage unit.

We need to create a fundraising committee. We need to raise at least \$10-15k. Any early sponsors need to be praised publicly. That will bring in other sponsors as long as we keep giving sponsors attention.

We need an in-person event to drum up support. We need guidelines for donation levels that are organized. We can bring in pledges, but can't take payment until we get our paperwork. Contact the Silvana Viking Hall has community non-profit bingo and proceeds go to non-profits.

The name of the game right now is \$\$\$\$. If you have ideas for how to fundraise, please reach out!

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm