

## Rummage Committee Report

February 2025 (presented March 4, 2025)

The Rummage committee met on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. The group discussed the possibility of a spring auction. Various venues were evaluated. The need for great negotiation and non-profit pricing is essential. Ticket pricing for the event was discussed. The tickets should be priced between \$75 and \$100 per ticket.

The committee reviewed the merits of the software program BetterWorld.org. It was determined this would be a better platform for the silent auction. This website offers multiple images per item. It allows the user to zoom in on the images. It provides analytics throughout the auction. The committee would be able to track bids, the speed at which the bids come in, and other data which will help provide much needed information.

The committee reviewed the merits of publishing the totals from each department. A cultural mindset should take place. Every department has one goal in mind instead of departmental goals.

Tents and the need for tents were discussed. The conclusion was to eliminate the book tent. With the three large tents in the show arena there is enough space to move a few departments around. The committee agreed to pursue a new quote from a different company to determine if the Ladies Board receives the best possible pricing. Should the need for a book tent arise one will ultimately be rented for it but only after every other option is weighed.

Possible logo designs were presented for the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale. Three will be forwarded to the committee for review and the selection of one will be completed this coming week.

Volunteer recruitment was discussed. The volunteer subcommittee members will create a volunteer form to be posted on the LadiesBoard.org website. A volunteer will be able to fill out the form with all of the pertinent information. Once completed the information is emailed to the volunteer coordinators. This form will allow for easier onboarding.

Advertising was discussed. The committee would like to purchase a banner or two to hang on the trailers at the Cornwall Campus. Printed on the banners would be the Ladies Board logo and Rummage Sale, a smaller sign would show the donation day dates. By having a banner and a smaller sign it would be easier to transition from year to year.

Department summaries and procedures were discussed. Every department is required to write a summary about their department for use on the website and in the "procedures binder". Renise Lersche and Georgette Cerula are working on creating the binder to help ease transition from one department chair to another. They will also create a guide on the exiting procedures for the closing of the rummage sale.

The committee reviewed whether to have dedicated furniture trailers for this upcoming season. The previous year there were three dedicated trailers just for furniture. It was determined that there is still a need for a furniture trailer at Cornwall during the Donation days. However, any furniture that arrives outside of the donation days will be placed on the household trailers.

The Silent Auction subcommittee met on February 20, 2025. The group discussed the possibility of a spring auction. Various venues were evaluated. Items needing to be solicited for the auction were discussed. The workload for solicitation was divided up. Items such as Commanders tickets, baby grand piano, a cuckoo clock, gift cards, and other experiences were all on the list of items already in the works or needing to be indicated. High valued items are being sought after for a possible live auction. Volunteer tickets were discussed. It was the committee's decision to have the volunteer tickets sell **at cost**. Otherwise, any profits would have to cover the rest of the cost for the volunteer's ticket. Also discussed was the desire to include other committees in the event by having dedicated places for them to present their outstanding work. The subcommittee would like to make the spring auction an event for community outreach.

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