

Mercer Community-Building committee meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Mercer Public Library

AGENDA

1. Introductions
 - a. Why are we doing this at all?
 - b. Why the library? Who else can be involved?
2. Purpose of Committee
 - a. Not just library planning... I hope this will eventually lead to us finding a place where the library and many other community organizations and businesses can fit into providing valuable services to Mercer. (Venn diagram)
 - b. "Turn Outward" & "Aspirations" worksheets – start thinking in a new direction
 - c. Develop a new mindset, perhaps a report of recommendations, that we can then use as individuals, organizations, government bodies, and businesses to ground our work.
3. Survey for 2016 tax mailing
 - a. After considering our own mindsets, we need to start talking to the community about what their aspirations are for our community. A survey is one way we can start that process.
 - b. Survey has two purposes: gather information, but also make people aware of this project and where we hope it can go.
 - c. See "Turning Outward" guide page 21 for a basic, 4-question ask that could serve as the basis for our survey.
4. Future plans
 - a. Survey is just a start: We need to also consider "One-on-One asks" and "Community Conversations" to gather more input and get more people involved in the process.
 - b. Where should we go from here?
5. Communication plan
 - a. Best ways to communicate as a small group
 - b. Best ways to communicate our work out to the larger community
 - c. Best ways to recruit new participation or input

This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.

Questions? Contact the Mercer Library at 715-476-2366.

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GROUND RULES

- This is a “kitchen table” conversation: everyone participates, no one dominates.
- There are no right or wrong answers.
- Keep an open mind, and be open to new people.
- Stay on track.
- It’s OK to respectfully disagree.
- Have fun!