

Potential WAD 2024 Venues

Winter Park Community Center

Capacity: 200 (half ballroom)

Pros: location, ample parking

Cons: only available at 2 pm and later (church service held before that), set up & clean up: lots of decorations will have to be put up, therefore the event wouldn't be able to start until at least 4PM-possibly later

Shakes

Theatre capacity: 118

Pros: location, familiarity(2022 event held there), onsite coordinator and technician

Cons: can't guarantee that construction will be completed by December 1st (specifically in the lobby), set up & clean up, separate areas (theatre can't have food- would need to be in the Patron's room), difficult to plan event flow around two separate spaces, no room to grow for attendance

Trellis 925

Capacity: 100 (additional 30 seated or 60 standing in the lounge for a cost, but doesn't have the best line of visibility to the main area)

Pros: ample parking (see cons), space/environment is nice (venue does include set up and breakdown of décor)

Cons: shared parking lot with other business, distance (Sand Lake), on the second floor- has an one elevator (that's a little small, might be an issue with arrivals), a little bit hard to find (DB's GPS led him to Publix, will need to put up signs), no room to grow for attendance

Things to consider:

- Programming/event flow and length of event
 - How will this impact where you want the guests to be and for how long?
- Number of attendees expected (120+ total in 2023)/attendance goal
 - Venue capacity
 - Do we want to partner with RWHAP providers to bring in more clients?

Ideas from previous meetings & run of show items to consider:

- Brunch or Lunch (RWCM participants suggested lunch starting at 2-3 PM to allow for folks to get out of church)
- 1.5-hour event with mingling before and after (vs. 2 hours)
- No intermission
- Limiting performances to 1 or 2
- Speeches from PWH (similar to LTS testimonies in 2022) (including the winner of the spoken word contest?)
- Proclamations
- Quilt ceremony
- Award ceremony held at the end of programming (1 award for each category: Unsung Hero, Service Award, Lifetime Achievement Award)