

Grand Wayne Convention Center (Fort Wayne) vs. Horizon Convention Center (Muncie)

Grand Wayne Convention Center (Fort Wayne)

Hotel Rooms: \$119 Courtyard / \$112 Hilton. Only 10 rooms will be considered for Government discount. Both hotels are adjacent to the convention center. Both hotels together can accommodate our group.

Parking: Courtyard \$4.00/day - Hilton \$8.00/day

Meeting room space on the same level: yes

Horizon Convention Center (Muncie)

Hotel Rooms: \$91.00 Courtyard & all rooms (if needed) can be made available at Government rate. This hotel can only accommodate us with 120 rooms. We require 150 rooms on Tuesday & 200 rooms on Wednesday & Thursday. There are a line of hotels 10-minutes away. This Courtyard is adjacent to the convention center.

Parking: Free

Meeting room space on the same level: no

Wednesday evening entertainment: (please read)

Hi Mark,

Someone from the Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie just reached out to me to tell me about a play related to the INAFSM mission. The show is going now but there's a chance it would be available next year if we host our conference in Muncie. Here's more info about the play at this link: <http://minnetrista.net/theatre/>

This could be some potential entertainment, perhaps for the Wednesday night dinner. As of now the theater piece is just scheduled to run in 2018 but if Muncie becomes the best option in the venue selection process, we would probably want to begin reaching out to the cultural center immediately upon signing a contract if we are interested in pursuing this.

Here's more info and the contact info for the person who reached out to me.

Our program contains two one-person theatrical pieces followed by a discussion segment. The whole program runs about an hour.

The pieces are set along the white river in Muncie during the 1920's. The first character, Jimmy, is an avid hobbyist fisherman, who also works at a local factory. He is concerned that the factories dumping their waste into the river is causing fish kills, however, he is not sure how to proceed. If he says something, it could cause him to lose his job. The second character, Verl, is a struggling farmer who has turned to making moonshine in order to make ends meet. Verl struggles with the fact that he has heard of moonshine batches poisoning people.

We have more detailed descriptions on our website www.minnetrista.net/theatre

Our typical fee is \$400 for the entire program. However, if you were interested in doing more than one session for the conference, I could likely offer a discount.

Please feel free to e-mail with any other questions you may have.

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