



Fundraising Idea



Bake Sale

Materials needed: Donated baked goods, disposable eating utensils (plates, forks, spoons, and napkins), decorations for booth, clean-up items

- Have group members donate baked goods, either home made or store bought
- Remember to keep the prices within “bargain range”



Book Fair

Materials needed: New or second hand books, large room, tables

- Get books donated by the community, or purchase them inexpensively at garage sales and flea markets.
- Find a location that has a space large enough to display the books well.
- Separate the books by genres (romance, mystery, fiction, etc.)
- Make the prices low and offer discounts for purchasing 3+ books.
- Save the books left over for the next fair. Make it an annual event!



Raffles

Materials needed: Raffle tickets, prizes

- Ensure you have proper licensing and documentation for conducting a raffle.
- Select a prize that appeals to potential customers (Fifty-Fifty split, a TV, food baskets, etc.)

- Use your social networks to sell tickets
- Hold a public ceremony to draw the winning ticket



Collecting Change

Materials needed: Pocket change, measuring tape/ruler

- Suggest collecting 1 mile of coins (i.e. 5,280 ft) from members.
- Have everyone donate some pocket change every meeting.
- Keep everyone posted on the progress.



Bingo

Materials needed: BINGO materials (chips, cards, markers, etc), prizes

- Ensure you have proper licensing and documentation for conducting a bingo event.
- Charge a reasonable price for each bingo card or game
- Have each game play for a specific prize or have the winner choose from a selection of prizes
- Split the tasks and roles: Bingo caller, Master-Bingo card operator, supervisors, etc.



Gift Wrapping Booth

Materials needed: Wrapping paper, ribbons/bows, tape, tables

- Get permission from a mall or a store to provide and advertise these services on their property.
- Have a volunteer wrapper who enjoys this type of work and does it well.
- Charge a reasonable amount for the service, in order to attract people and enough to make a profit, such as charging by gift size.

For more information:

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