

Fundraising Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

The following is the annual report of the Fundraising Committee for the Maine State Grange.

The year started under rather unusual circumstances at State Grange. After a slow start everyone rallied around, and things carried on relatively smoothly. We had many visitors to our table and our sales items sold well. As in the past, our raffle was very successful, and I want to thank all those who contributed in any way to that success. In total we made \$692.

After the new year we started brainstorming on potential fundraising items for this year. I had several conversations with Master Sherry and it was decided that we should get some sales items to commemorate the State Grange's upcoming 150th Birthday in 2024. We designed a shopping bag and some new handheld fans. In addition, Sherry ordered some Travel Mugs and Web Cam Covers. All of these are on hand and will be available at State Grange.

On June 4th we again held our annual yard sale at Manchester Grange in Manchester. The weather cooperated and it was a lovely day! This was an indoor/outdoor event this year with a number of local individuals and several organizations renting tables. The local Lions Club sold breakfast and lunch. People

said they could smell it down the street. Always a good way to bring in a crowd! We had a great sale and raised \$520. I would like to thank those who contributed items for the sale, including Sharon and Henry Morton, Yvonne Johnson and Richard and Sherry Harriman. This is certainly an event we'd like to do again next year and hope to have even more renters.

During Fryeburg Fair in 2021 we were fortunate enough to be able to include our cookbooks and the last of our green Agricultural t-shirts in the Grange Store. We sold almost all of the t-shirts (only 4 left) and a lot of cookbooks. From that we cleared \$265. We plan on selling the cookbooks at Fryeburg Fair again in 2022.

It's now time to gear up for this year's State Grange Session. We hope you will come and visit our table. Along with our raffle we will have many items for sale. We still have 2 types of our Grange cookbooks, Main Dishes and Pickles and Preserving for \$5.00 each. We also have variety packs of Grange note cards, also \$5.00 each. Other Grange items include: Fans- \$2, Web Cam covers- \$2, Magnets- \$3, Bags- \$10, Travel Mugs- \$10 and T-Shirts- \$15.

In closing I would like to thank the members of the committee for all of their support.

As always, if you have a fundraising idea that you'd like to share, maybe something you've tried in your Grange, please feel free to mail or email it to me, or come by the table at State Grange. I'll have a container available for you to put your idea

into and maybe I can share some of the ideas in my future columns.

Respectfully Submitted,

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