

Fundraising Committee Annual Report

2022-2023

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

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

Our sales table at the annual state session in 2022 was busy and was visited often by the members. The raffle, as always, was a popular part of the event and I'd like to thank all those who contributed items. We even received a pair of Kelley Farm mugs from our visiting National Rep. In addition to the raffle, we sold many sales items including the last of our green "Farmers: Outstanding in Their Field" t-shirts and the Main Dish copies of the cookbook. In total we took in \$732.00 at the session.

In the new year we started discussions on the Annual State Grange Yard Sale. It was decided that we would forgo selling "yard sale" items as a committee this year, and instead prepare and sell "take-out" meals. This included a choice of 2 types of beans or lasagna and brownies or apple crisp for dessert. In addition, there would be a raffle for 2 \$100 Visa Gift Cards. We still rented tables for others to sell their items. A letter was sent to all Granges asking for donations of ingredients or money to help keep costs down. I would like to thank all those Granges and individuals who donated to this venture. Also, a thank-you to the State Officers and Committee members who sold raffle tickets. A very hearty Thank you to Manchester Grange for letting us use your hall and yard for our

fundraising event. A special Thank-You to Maynard and Gladys Chapman and Margaret Henderson for making and donating the apple crisp. To Sharon Morton for baking the beans and to Sherry Harriman for putting together the lasagnas. After expenses we cleared \$965.64. Overall, a great success! Maybe we'll try it again next year.

During Fryeburg Fair in October of 2022, we were again fortunate enough to be able to sell the State Grange cookbooks. These proved to be quite popular, and we made \$150.00.

State Session will soon be here, and plans are being made. As well as our annual raffle we will have many sales items available. Including State Grange cookbooks, Grange notecards, fans, magnets, tote bags, travel mugs and t-shirts. We hope you will come visit our sales table and pick up a few items, buy some raffle tickets, give us a fundraising idea or just say hello.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the committee and all those who supported our efforts in any way. Many thanks to Master Sherry for all her support and hard work in keeping things on track.

Remember that the money we raise from our events goes to the State Grange to help in whatever way it can. Our profits may not be huge, but, as you know, every little bit helps. So please support our efforts in any way you can. Thanks again for your support this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Meserve, Fundraising Comm. Chairman