



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



Norma Meserve, Chairman

Fundraising Committee Annual Report
2023-2024

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

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

Our sales table at the annual state session in 2023 was busy but not as successful as in past years. We had a great raffle and many Grange sale items available. In all, we cleared \$325.00.

As spring arrived, we started discussing plans for the annual State Grange Yard Sale. Due to several reasons, it was decided to forgo making and selling "take-out" meals this year. Instead, we chose to have a raffle for 2 \$100 VISA gift cards and a sales table. We sent raffle tickets in advance to Granges, Pomonas, State Officers and Committee members and asked that they sell them. A big Thank-you to those Granges or individuals who sold tickets or bought tickets. Your help is always appreciated. We also made the decision to let Manchester Grange oversee renting the table spaces for the sale and let them keep the profit as they very generously let us use the hall each year for this event free of charge. There were 15 tables rented and everyone had a great day. Between the raffle and the sales table, we brought in \$714.00.

During Fryeburg Fair in October of 2023, we were again able to have our State Grange cookbooks for sale. We made \$80.00.

At the Annual State Session, we will once again be having a table. In addition to our raffle, we will have many Grange sales items available, including tote bags, fans, magnets, tote bags, and travel cups to celebrate the Maine State Grange's 150th Anniversary. Also, for sale we will have Grange magnets, cookbooks, t-shirts, and packs of Grange note-cards (including Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You, and several blanks). Something for everyone. We hope you will stop by and visit our table and pick up a few items, buy some raffle tickets, or just say hello. And please, if you have any questions fundraising ideas, we would be happy to hear them.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Granges, Grange members and non-members who helped in any way this year. Many thanks to Master Sherry for all her support and help 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, (although we are always hopeful!), but, as you know, every little bit helps. So please support our efforts in any way you can and thank you for doing so.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Meserve, Fundraising Comm. Chairman

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