

## **FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES**

### **Guideline 1:**

**Board approval is required for any fundraising that either (a) uses church facilities or resources, or (b) targets the congregation for an amount exceeding \$200.**

#### Rationale for Guideline 1:

Someone needs to oversee fundraising at the church, monitoring the capacity of the congregation to extend generosity, setting priorities among the many causes individual members or groups within the church may want to fundraise for, etc.

#### Board Approval Process:

Board approval, and the way to obtain it, can take several forms. Examples include:

- (a) The formal Board approval process: A group asks the Board to approve a specific fundraising event.
- (b) Blanket approval: A group applies to the Board for an upfront general approval with an agreed maximum to cover a variety of potential fundraising activities over the following months.
- (c) An ongoing fund-raising activity: The Board approves a class of fundraising activity and delegates how to allocate the privilege.
  - We do that now, for example, with Sunday soup, an approved fundraising activity. Someone besides the Board decides who will take on, and profit from, doing soup for each Sunday of the month.
  - Likewise for Sunday collections. The Board approved using these collections for outreach charitable purposes, and the Social Responsibility Committee decides who the recipient charities will be.

### **Guideline 2:**

**Raising funds to benefit non-NSUC organizations or causes brought forward by members or friends of our community requires clear and advance approval by the Board.**

We distinguish between fundraising that is done for a clear NSUC church activity, and fundraising done to benefit a non-NSUC organization.

Fundraising for major, ongoing programs of the church is encouraged and can generally be authorized by delegated authority from the Board. For example, raising funds for the Children's RE program or to buy new hymnbooks for Sunday services does not need

formal Board approval, but can be authorized by the Minister or, in his or her absence, by the President.

**Guideline 3:**

**Church members should have no personal financial interest in the proceeds of the fundraising.**

Members must not profit personally from any portion of funds raised through NSUC.

Note: Current exceptions to this rule are:

- (a) individual Youth Group members are allowed, if they choose, to keep half the profit from coffee/cookie service on Sunday.
- (b) NSUC allows Artarians to display art in the Sanctuary; if this results in a piece being sold, the artist shares part of the proceeds with the church.

These exceptions may be reviewed in future. Additional exceptions seem unwise.