

Fundraising Policy for NYYM Sessions

Sessions Committee

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First, please note the following information from NYYM Financial Services Committee:

“All committees, groups or persons undertaking fundraising or spending within the Yearly Meeting, to the extent consistent with the directions and limits of any gifts or trust instruments, will coordinate their fundraising and spending activities with the Financial Services Committee so as to jointly further the implementation of the Leadings and Priorities.”

As we gather in faith to conduct the business of New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM), it is with care and consideration that any fundraising is undertaken during our sessions, Spring, Summer, and Fall. Anyone connected to a Quaker-related cause (e.g. AFSC, AVP, BQEF, ARCH, FCNL, Friends Peace Teams, NYYM Annual Appeals, and Quaker schools, meetinghouses, and conference centers) is welcome to request display space to inform participants of their work and needs. Display space requests are sometimes received for non-Quaker-related causes and these will be decided upon case-by-case by the Sessions Committee Clerk and the session’s Displays Coordinator.

All displays at yearly meeting sessions may include passive appeals such as envelopes that contain invitations to send or pledge money. Seeking cash donations at display spaces is strongly discouraged, especially if the display space is not under constant supervision by a human presence. When supervised, display spaces may include active fundraising. Be sure to include in your displays request any need for internet access in order to facilitate your active fundraising. Note that “fundraising” is not to be confused with actively selling items. See below for selling items.

The Development Committee and Sessions Committee will work together to balance the need of Development Committee to do fundraising, the need for yearly meeting sessions to remain spiritually grounded, and the need to implement the Leadings and Priorities.

There is a Display Space Request Form online, but each yearly meeting session may have its own, different process for requesting space. Please find this information in the announcements for each yearly meeting session.

Regarding Summer Sessions:

There are three events that raise money exclusively for Powell House and the Sharing Fund. These are the Fun(d) Fair, the Tagless Tag Sale, and Café Night. The Fun(d) Fair is organized and sponsored by Junior Yearly Meeting, and includes games and refreshments available with the purchase of Fun(d) Fair Tickets. During that time, we also hold a Tagless Tag Sale. If you have sale items to donate (new or used items in good shape), please bring them with you to Summer Sessions. The first Daily Minute will have more information about where to place your donations. Tax-deduction receipts for in-kind charitable contributions will be available upon request. Folks are encouraged to showcase their talents during Café Night, also organized and sponsored by Junior Yearly Meeting. Bring your instruments and hula hoops and join the fun!

Often during Summer Sessions, a committee or group that is Quaker or Quaker-related asks to hold an ice cream social either to raise funds or to inform conference participants of the committee’s work. Ice cream socials must be approved by Sessions Committee, on a case-by-case, via a request sent to the clerk of the committee. Of course, the requesting committee or group must pay for all the costs of the social.

For as long as we meet at Silver Bay Association (SBA), ice cream and other food items must be provided by SBA. The clerk of Sessions Committee, along with the Conference Services Liaison, will work with the requesting committee or group on the details if an ice cream social is requested.

Finally, since Sessions Committee does not allow 'active' selling at display spaces—that is, having someone sitting at the display space actually selling items of any kind—the committee will arrange a two-hour “Quaker Crafts” event at some point over the Summer Sessions week. At that event, anyone connected to a Quaker-related cause may work with the Conference Services Liaison to request a table and then actively sell items. While the seller may keep 100% of any proceeds made during the “Quaker Crafts” event, it is a kindness to consider making a donation to any NYYM fund (Annual Appeal, Equalization Fund, Oakwood Friends School, Powell House, Sharing Fund, etc.).