

# The Ways and Means Committee Report for 2008-9

Using information from the Power Church data base, we recruited a number of members interested in fund raising. We started asking for ideas via email. This was followed up with a meeting in October, with 11 attending. We had spirited discussion and many suggestions on ways to raise money. We evaluated the ideas and chose the suggestions that had chairs to promote the project. We continued using the email list and continued discussion via that medium.

Established projects were:

The annual Book Sale was carried out under the expert guidance of Barbara Brandt and Pat St Clair, and earned close to \$3,000.

The Change for Peanuts project, headed by Bill Snell was quite successful, yielding over \$700.

The Auction was of course, by far, our largest success. The chairs, Joanne Osburn, Sheila Knaust and Sage Chaney, did a fabulous job. The theme was Chinese Feast, it was held March 7. We had 165 tickets sold. ASAP Homeless Services was the recipient of \$1,500 from this fund raiser, after which we had a net profit in excess of \$17,000. After the auction, we continued to offer unsold items. We sold nearly \$1,000 worth of items post-auction. Another innovation was instituted: All ads purchased for our program have been posted on our web-site. They will remain there for free for 1 year.

New projects that were put into effect were:

In conjunction with the auction ads, we have instituted a *Community Friends* section on our web-site, whereupon people can post both ads and requests for services and products for the modest price of \$45 for 3 months, and \$150 per year.

Linda Stoller and her crew held three Community Bazaar/Flea Market sales in our parking lot and had good participation. Between \$700 and \$1,000 was raised at these events.

We are advertising in The World and UU're Home for B & Bs in UUC homes. We now have 6 homes that will hostess guests but could use more for variety and location. We have had several inquiries. We have had one set of guests and the visit seemed very successful. We have raised \$325.00 from this project.

We investigated and tried recycling electronics, and newspapers but that turned out to be not viable.

The total raised this year was about \$23,000 against a budget of \$30,000. Although we did not meet the budget assigned to us, we feel that the results were very good considering the current economic conditions. We have recommended a budget for Ways and Means of \$25,000 for next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe & Ann Myers. Co-chairs