

Mt. Pleasant United Brethren in Christ Church

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is the intent of the Mt. Pleasant Governance Board (Board) to ensure fundraising activities are consistent with the standards and guiding principles of the church.

- A. The objective of fundraising activities conducted on the premises of the Mt. Pleasant United Brethren Church (Mt. Pleasant) is to encourage ways to financially support the following where financial shortfalls occur:
 - 1. Mt. Pleasant's operations and those of its church missions, commissions, committees and adult Sunday School classes;
 - 2. Individuals identified as those in need of financial assistance. An individual or group of individuals in need (e.g., a family) need not be a member or attender of Mt. Pleasant;
 - 3. Outside projects and other not-for-profit organizations which Mt. Pleasant may elect to support as a member of the community (e.g., other churches, Cub Scouts, school programs, etc.)

- B. All Mt. Pleasant fundraising activities should promote:
 - 1. The spiritual growth of its participants.
 - 2. Church fellowship
 - 3. Outreach opportunities

- C. General Requirements
 - 1. Fundraising activities may not be scheduled, advertised, or begin without first obtaining Board approval.
 - 2. Requests for approval to the Board must be in writing and submitted no later than one week prior to the monthly Board meeting. Refer to paragraph E. below regarding the contents of a submission.
 - 3. The purpose of the event must be emphasized as to ensure the appropriate allocation of funds received from the event remain separated from church finances.
 - 4. Services and/or merchandise may be sold at an approved Mt. Pleasant church fundraising events provided the services are either donated by, performed by, or the merchandise is produced by members and friends of the congregation.

- D. Board Consideration

For the Board to consider a fundraising activity, the fundraising activity:

1. Must be clearly defined as to the purpose of the fundraiser;
2. Must be clearly defined as to the recipient(s) for which the funds are being raised;
3. Must be structured to ensure all proceeds, minus any normal operating expenses, will be provided to the recipient;
4. Must never misrepresent or conceal the purpose for a specific fundraiser.

E. Contents of the Request

Requests must be submitted in writing utilizing the Fundraising Application form found on the church website and the church office.

F. Responsibilities

In addition to submitting the request, the requesting representative(s) shall:

1. Assume responsibility of the approved fundraising event with the completion and submission of the Church Activity Participation Agreement in accordance with the general rules and regulations of the Church Use Policy;
2. Ensure participants of the fundraising activity behave in a manner consistent with the standards and guiding principles of the church;
3. At the conclusion of the event, ensure all areas of the church property which were used for the fundraising event are cleaned and all church fixtures and equipment items are returned to the appropriate location in accordance with the church owned equipment agreement and Mt. Pleasant facilities rules and regulations.

Approved by the Mt. Pleasant United Brethren Church Governance Board July 18, 2022.