

BMPC Fund Raising Policy

All fund raising should conform to the teaching of Jesus Christ and further the mission and ministry of the church. Black Mountain Presbyterian Church is a vital community resource that depends on adequate support of the church's general budget; therefore, fund raising projects should never overshadow the practice and responsibility of our overall financial stewardship and should avoid periods of annual Stewardship emphasis.

Limited permission will be granted to conduct fund raising for BMPC programs, our mission partners, church activities, and for outside groups who request church space, based on calendar, building use, personnel requirements, cost, and context of other fund raisers.

All requests go through a Session Committee. Session Committee action taken on any formal written request will be reported to Session.

1. PREAPPROVED OFFERINGS/FUND RAISERS

The following list of special offerings and fund raisers is approved currently and does not need to be considered annually. The Session can add or delete items at any time.

Denominational Special Offerings

Joy Gift (Christmas)
One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)
Pentecost (May)
Peacemaking (World Communion Sunday – Oct)

Local Special Offerings

5 cents a Meal to WNC Presbytery – monthly
SVCM (Christmas Eve)
Souper Bowl (February)

Fundraisers

Alternative Christmas Giving (Advent)
Potato Lunch (3-4 times per year for Youth Ministry)
SVCM Hunger Walk (Oct)
Local Emergency Relief Fund (LERF) (when funds get low as recommended by pastor)
Individual Sunday School Class offerings
Presbyterian Women budget/offering

2. FUND RAISING WITHIN BMPC TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT BMPC OR BMPC PROGRAMS

A written request should come to a Session Committee which will determine if the fund raiser should be recommended to the Session using the following non-exclusive list of considerations:

- Is this a BMPC project?
- What is the method of fund raising proposed?
- What are the date(s) and time(s) of event or campaign?
- What other times during year will BMPC be asked for money to support this program?
- What church space will be needed?
- What church staff time will be needed?
 - Custodial Set-Up
 - Custodial Clean-Up
 - Other
- Will church volunteers be needed?
- What church supplies will be used?
- Is there a calendar conflict?

3. FUND RAISING WITHIN BMPC FOR MINISTRY PARTNERS, OR FOR OUTSIDE CHARITABLE GROUPS (501 c3)

When recommended by the appropriate Session Committee and approved by Session, BMPC facilities may be used for fund-raising events in the community which promote non-profit charitable causes consistent with the mission of the church. Charitable groups will be defined as charitable organizations recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS.

A written request should come to a Session Committee which will determine if the fund raiser should be recommended to the Session using the following non-exclusive list of considerations:

Is the fund raiser consistent with the ministry and mission of the church?

- What is the method of fund raising proposed?
- What are the date(s) and time(s) of event or campaign?
- What other ways and times during year will BMPC be asked for money to support this program?
- What church space will be needed?
- What church staff time will be needed?
 - Custodial Set-Up
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- Will church volunteers be needed?
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Fund raising for programs of the church and for organizations in which church members are involved will be given priority for recommendation to the Session.

CRITERIA FOR EXCLUSION FROM CONSIDERATION:

We acknowledge that many worthy organizations must do fund raising in order to meet their own financial needs. However, BMPC will not be used by such groups or individuals engaged in fund raising unless recognized as a charity, not just a nonprofit.

The policy does not allow fund raising requests from:

- Groups that may be established as nonprofits, but are not recognized as charities. (Boy Scouts, Little League teams, political parties, etc.)
- School Groups, Parks and Recreation, Civic Organizations, which are fund raising to meet their own needs.
- Individuals who would like to sell items during a program or concert where the proceeds benefit the individual.

Fund raising for an individual or individual family is not allowed because of the church tax exempt status.

General building use guidelines will address when a group or individual may use the building for activities unrelated to fund raising.