

Probably the best thing a youth pastor can do is develop two types of support teams with parents

- 1) Parent Advisory Team
- 2) Parent Booster Club

The booster club meets quarterly to plan the next quarters fundraisers. The youth pastor/leader tells them how much he needs to raise for the year and breaks it down by quarter. The booster club plans and runs the fundraiser. I believe there are at least one or two parents in every youth group that have the gift of fundraising and getting things donated... find them, keep them, and put them to work.

I am tired of making less than \$1,000 on fundraisers...

1) Car Washes/ Pizza Pool Party

Pre-sale tickets have 3 - 4 locations; each location has at least 2 adults and at least 10 students (more than 15 students and the car wash turns into babysitting)

Run the car wash from 10 - 2pm

The location that makes the most money gets to go to the pizza/pool party for free -all the other students pay \$5.

It is not hard to believe that a single location can bring in between \$300 - \$600- multiply that by 4 locations and you have raised \$1200 - \$2400, plus you have 20 - 30 students pay \$5 for the pizza/pool party = \$100 - \$150 which covers pizza and soda

2) Add up all trips, events, outings with projected cost for entire year

Send out in December: Jan - Mid Feb sell a 20% off card for \$40.

For the cost of the trips, events, outings project base cost and add 30% to the actual projected cost.

20% covers the 20%off card, 10% goes to Speed the Light

The \$40 comes in handy us yearly upstart money!

3) Dinner/Talent Show...

Open up the talent show to everyone in the church. Get all food donated or paid for by others. Charge a reasonable price.

\$25 per plate, 100 people = \$2500

Then the audience votes on the most talented. Each Vote costs \$1.00 and they can purchase unlimited votes.

You can usually make an extra \$500 - \$1,000 just off of votes

4) Little Caesar's Pizza Kits-

You make 50% profit. This is good to give out to individual students that need to raise their own money for trips, events, and outings. I would not sell anything as a group!!!! Too much work to keep up with everything unless you have one - two adults who will over-see it for you.

5) Recycling Drive

Have students and families in the church/student ministry begin to collect aluminum cans, plastic, and paper.

6) Shares Cards

Script money-- you use them at grocery stores and they give a percentage of your bill to your chosen non-profit or school. You can check with your PTA at most local schools and find out who they use etc.

7) Flyer parties:

It is where a restaurant does a fundraiser where you get a percentage of everyone's bill that brings in a flyer from your church/organization that has their advertising on it as well. This needs to be set up in advance. Doing these once a month kills two birds with one stone... you get fellowship time and also make money!

Often times we as student ministry/next gen pastors take groups out to eat after services... Pre set up flyer parties at restaurants like Panda Express, Wing Stop, different pizza places.

8) Asking people

Check with people in the church to see if they have any old car rims, old school metal weight sets, other types of metal... There is lots of money to be made in recycling various metals.

9) Church Parking Lot Sale

Sell 10 X 10 spots for \$20 - \$40

Get some advertising.

Make sure the youth ministry opens a booth.

10) Have some of the older students or adults supervise and clean people's gutters...

You can charge \$20 - \$40 depending the area and there are only 2 gutters per house. It takes 30 minutes to do the gutters.