Auction Committee

2023 Annual Report

As you know 2023 was my first year as Auction Coordinator. I learned a lot from Deb Anderson and wish to thank her for all of years as Auction Coordinator. I would also like to thank the many members of the auction committee because without them I would have been lost. There was a lot for me to learn and I continue to learn.

As you know we started the auction with the zoom showcase event on the evening of November 4th via Zoom. The auction catalog and bidding were done online at Charity Auctions Today. Due to the sale of our Community Center earlier this year, it was the church’s first time gathering in-person in the church sanctuary for the closing of the event on November 11th.

The goals for the auction have always been to raise money for the church, have fun, and have a community event. Financially the auction was successful. We raised a total of $11,335. Of that amount about 8% goes to expenses and UPL will donate 10% to North Star Family services.

There was quite a lot of up-bidding that evening from the bargains still available to Meg providing additional crocheted items that were only available at the live event (scarfs and hats). We enjoyed a variety of finger foods and bottled water, thanks to Carol and her food prep elves.

As for fun and community, Hope Snyder provide our entertainment. A big thank you goes out to Hope for her humor and for modeling the hats and scarfs. We had some members of the community in attendance and they mentioned they enjoyed the event. Thanks to Ruth Ann and others who posted our auction on Facebook and distributing it to friends and family. As a result, we had more community participation.

The auction cannot happen without donors and bidders. Thank you to all the people who donated items, services, or events. Thank you to those people who solicited donations from others. Thank you to all the bidders and buyers.

The auction is a cooperative effort with an entire team of people. I would like to thank the food team headed by Carol Poladian. Ruth Ann White headed up advertising for Facebook and social media. Our auctioneers and showcase team of Adam Weber, Matt Snyder, Hope Snyder, and Eric Vickery organized and led the opening zoom meeting. The auction catalog is the centerpiece of the auction, its public face, and the auction catalog was again done by Nancy Weber. Meg Smith provided support for all things back-office.

I have enjoyed working with this wonderful group of dedicated people and I hope to work with them all again next year. Until then, I wish you all a life filled with love and happiness.

Kindest regards,

Lin Vickery

Auction Coordinator