

Bay Area Rummage Sale experiences; “Best Practices”

- \$200 for cash register is good – all \$1’s and \$5’s. Items will be priced in whole dollar increments. Clothing will be similarly priced (tables/racks). Keeping pricing at whole dollars eliminated the need for coin change. Use of Zelle is helpful. We do not use Venmo to date. Members may be reimbursed for any costs out of proceeds with receipt (permit costs, truck rental, etc.)
- Advertise – use the Garage Sale app. Multiple members could post to Facebook Marketplace app and the Next-Door app for more exposure. Ask if a flyer could be posted on the church bulletin board. Note: do not use “Nar-Anon” in description – otherwise it is 7th tradition funds. Use “Bay Area”
- Bigger & brighter outside signage to attract buyers
- Use color dots to indicate pricing (i.e., yellow dots = \$1, green dots = \$5, etc.)
- Use poster boards to indicate color pricing taped on walls
- Use table stands to show pricing. (Pricing up high for buyers to easily view)
- Electronics – ? difficult to sell, can’t guarantee it works, hard to test it out, and may be hard to get rid of it as unsold goods
- Have members with large or more expensive items to take pictures of those items so we can advertise
- May want to hold onto hangers well in advance of the rummage sale. Storage bins/totes/boxes may be needed to collect unsold items for donation.
- No pillows, bed mattress pads, mattresses
- A suggestion was made to sell snack bag chips; members noted that the sale of water was unsuccessful, but our volunteer members did use the water.
- Garage Sale permit is needed in Oldsmar
- Church will no longer pick up from rummage sale. Symphony Salvage out of Sarasota is a charity that sends goods to the poor for free (i.e., shoes, clothing for the poor). They also pick up electronics to be refurbished and donated. No VCR tapes; but takes household items.
- Potluck on setup day – most liked the potluck. Some thought it lengthens the day for setup. Items to bring for potluck include food, water bottles, Clorox wipes, ice chest & ice, paper plates, utensils, napkins, and paper towels
- Setup: Ladders are needed to create clothing racks. Church may have a ladder for use

