

## Sustainability Task Force Recommendations and Proposal

Cathy asked me send this out to you all. It's some of the research I have been doing from the sustainability task force:

1. Ride Board- I am waiting to hear from a place called icarpool.com. They set up ride boards for lots of people and organizations. It is something that can be attached to our website and included in all our conference information. There is a set up fee, that is the information I am waiting to hear about. Here is their website if you want to read more: <http://www.icarpool.com/en/BusinessOps.htm>
2. Projector- Around here (in Bingo), we order our projectors from Dell. The one we order is about \$1100. They have others that range in price from \$900-\$9,000. I know the one we use here is small and lighter. Let me know what you think. If it's too much, I will do some more hunting.
3. Credit cards- I checked with Citizens to see if they have a program. They do through RBS worldpay. The fees go like this-
  - a. if we did an automatic response unit the members would have to call someone to give them the credit card number. That person would then have to call in for an authorization. There would be no set up fees, no monthly minimum, a \$10 a month fee for statements, and a 3.9% transaction fee.
  - b. If we went with authorized.net, which would mean we could take the credit cards right through our website, the transaction fee would be 2.34%, \$.25 charge per transaction, \$10 statement fee, \$15 monthly access gateway fee.
4. I have also contacted Discover Merchant Services to find out their fee schedule. Once I hear something I will pass it along.
5. PayPal fees would be 2.9% plus \$.30 per transaction. No set up fees or monthly fees. It would also allow us to accept e-checks.

I think the biggest thing with the credit cards is that we charge the fees back to the members, without them knowing it. A few years ago we asked if people would be willing to pay the fees and they all said no, but if we just up registration fees by a dollar or two, that could cover the fees. I think businesses do it all the time.