



# FOUNDATION BEYOND BELIEF

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## Beyond Belief Network Guides: Virtual Flying Spaghetti Monster dinner and fundraiser

Social events, like Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM) dinners, are great for attracting non-members and building relationships within your community as well as raise money for your group or a local nonprofit doing good work in your community. Just because you can't get together in person doesn't mean you can't have a fun FSM dinner. In fact, in some ways, it's easier on Zoom!

### Tips to Get Started

- **Organize.** Pick a date and time and invite you community anyone likely to join. Ask participants to come with a spaghetti and meatballs (or meatballs equivalent) dish so you can all share a meal together over Zoom.
- **Have fun with the FSM theme.** You can find quite a bit of FSM art and media is available at the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster [here](#), including a wide variety of pareidolia vaguely resembling him.
  - Encourage participants to wear colanders as hats or dress as pirates. Yarn, pom poms, googly eyes, and glue are all you need for good FSM crafts. Give awards at the end of the event for best costumes! Tell folks before the event to encourage creative participation.
  - Consider pasta-themed puns for your advertisements and you can have a tongue-in-cheek blessing (be cognizant of the perceptions of believers if having an interfaith event or inviting the public).
- **Raise money!** There are a few options for raising money at your FSM virtual dinner.

- You can sell tickets for the event. Make sure people know that they have the option to donate more than the suggested donation for the tickets.
- You can also hold a [raffle](#) as part of the event to raise additional money.
- If you are raising money for a local organization make sure everyone knows about the organization and all the good work they do. Invite someone from the organization to your event to speak about how the donation will be used. Whether someone comes or not, they will appreciate the invitation.
- **Allow people to donate online.** If you don't already have your own way for folks to donate online, [tell us](#) about your fundraiser and we can create a customized donation portal for you. We need:
  - a. High quality picture of your team or logo for the top of page (if you don't submit anything we'll use our Humanism at Work logo)
  - b. Name of your team
  - c. Name of your fundraiser
  - d. Short description of your fundraiser (2-3 sentences)
  - e. The end date of your fundraiser so we can close the campaign on that day.

## Questions or Concerns?

If you need help with planning your event or have additional questions, the best way to contact Foundation Beyond Belief is to use the [contact webform](#), which enables us to track the resolution of your question.