IMPACT OF COVID-19

As COVID mitigations came into full effect, it became possible for Circle to resume limited in-person events and volunteer days in 2021. With the advent of the Omicron variant coupled with stagnant vaccination rates and fatigue with other mitigations, we adopted a conservative posture again starting with Samhain 2021 and extending into Beltane 2022.

PSG

PSG 2022 was held in person for the first time since the start of COVID. Registration fees, shirt sales, and the raffle/silent auction brought in $46,137 after expenses -- over 5x the income of PSG 2021, and a little bit more than PSGs held at Camp Zoe and Tall Tree. This is a bright spot in the 2022 Circle financial story to date.

Regular Festivals & Resource Shop

Between January 1 and September 30, 2022, Circle cleared $10,785 on regular festival registrations and another $3,232 in Resource Shop sales. We held in-person Beltane, Green Spirit, Sacred Fire Circle, and Welcome Fall events in 2022, in addition to the in-person PSG.

Membership

Between January 1 and September 30, 2022, Circle received $35,033 in Membership dues, a 16% decline over this point in 2021. This remains slightly above dues at this point in 2019 and 2020.

Continued Reliance on Volunteers

Circle continued to run most of its operations on volunteer labor, with Rev. Sharon’s contributions in the office being again well above and beyond. Securing volunteer help for online endeavors has been relatively easy, as Circle can draw from a nationwide pool, but finding in-person volunteer help continues to be a challenge.

OVERALL PICTURE

Continued careful management of expenses and a successful in-person PSG has left Circle with a 2022 surplus thus far of $22,324. This is stronger than 2021 as well as stronger than most pre-COVID years going back to 2009, however the biggest cost savings (paid office staff) also greatly hampers what Circle can accomplish in its core operations.

We continue to closely monitor how COVID evolves and moves through the population and will continue to endeavor making Circle events safe while rebuilding in-person Circle and PSG communities and experiences.