

Columbus Hall

1. We have lost approx. \$ 4000.00 per year the last 4 years.
2. The losses reflect some opportunities we have not used in the operation of the center.
3. We have enough GIC,s to go for another 20-25 yrs. if nothing changes
4. If we were to sell the Columbus center all monies under its direction would have to be given to a registered charity i.e.: church or state board, the money cannot come back to the council.

There are a number of expenses the Columbus center absorbs on behalf of our council which does not help its balance sheet.

We do very little to market ourselves.(if our lively hood depended on the Columbus center having a better balance sheet we would not be so passive.)

So from what I have found we need to market ourselves first to our members and then to the public. We need a board member to regularly submit at least availability and fees in bulletin as well as suggestions etc. on why they should rent it.

Either the treasurer or president give a 2-3min report monthly at general meetings, to keep the membership informed. If they are paying for a service from the center, we need to keep them up to date.

We need to set up a booth or table at wedding shows to market ourselves for wedding and baby showers. We are the cheapest venue available. This needs to be done yesterday as wedding shows are starting now.

If we can increase rentals this year by 10, that would be approx... 1000.00 To revenue.

The Council:

The council has been very generous with their wild game and other food prep donations. This area I am not sure if we want to set a regular charge for use of hall for prep or by donation.

If we had no center the council would pay a minimum 70.00 per meeting, with that you are at the mercy of the people you rent from, no bar, no kitchen access, and no flexibility. I think it is fair for the council to pay 55.00 per general meeting. This equals \$660.00 revenue.

If we had no center we would be charged for each of our liquor permits depending on event most are 75.00 per event. I think with the paper work and filing involved a administration fee of 50.00 per event is fair for our council to pay. This equals approx. 400.00

The PO box belongs to the council and should be an expense to the council. Save 127.00 expense

These recommendations alone will generate 2200.00 for the hall.

We need a member to do serious research into insurance. The membership can go with the KofC insurance for approx. 660.00, we need to reduce our cost, and see what KofC insurance can offer.

I think an annual event to raise funds for our hall would be great, with some simple guidelines. It needs to be simple, fun, and easy.

The Columbus Hall is for us, as a council. The hall is a privilege and not a necessity; we need to appreciate what it gives us. It gives us a home, an Identity to our council, if you think of other councils you picture their hall or church, it is where you know them from.

The center will only continue as long as you want it to but once it is gone it is gone. All members need to be a part of our hall and use it as much as possible, that is one reason we have it, for you.

The Columbus Center has the responsibility to oversee our hall and assets and conduct the day to day business. The board has the responsibility to bring major expenses and issues to our council. The men who sit on this board do care for our hall and share in the concerns of operating it.

It is not our boards job alone to make the Columbus center work it is every member of 8233, and like all things we do in our council we do them better than anyone else. We need to be aware and help where possible in making our Columbus center work; we also need to be aware when the Columbus center takes us too far away from what we are about. When the Columbus center becomes more important than the works we do for charity, unity and fraternity, then we need to re prioritize.

Losing 4000.00 a year is not good business and is a serious concern, the GICs where given to the Columbus center to help run or change the Columbus center as we see fit, but the money is not nor will it ever be the councils. This center may never run in the black (nor do I want it to) but we need to do everything we can to help it break even and have open conversations about the need for our center.