Annual Report

Reason Center is in the 6th year of operation. Members of the community of reason and the community at large have enjoyed many events at Reason Center.

The cost of holding events at Reason Center have been kept low to encourage groups to hold more events, and at the same time, rent has been going up every year. The lease we have on the property on Tribute Road is due to expire in November of 2020. We will be looking at whether to renew or look for other facility options. We have always considered the space we are in to be a starter situation, with hopes of moving up to bigger and better environments as our community grows. We will consider the options in 2020, and will keep our members informed on any alternatives to the location we have known for so long.

The following pages show the 2019 financials and member level support donations.

We have provided the financial reports in the following categories: investments, cost share and donations, and operation expenses. This report shows a high level overview of the health and continuing costs that our 501(c)(3) organization incurs in a year. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with the following data.
The charts below are of the 2019 expenses compared to cost share and donations.

**Cost Share and Donations**

- Cost Share: $8,062.33 (57.7%)
- Donation: $5,910.48 (42.3%)

Total: $13,972.81

**Operation Expenses**

- Rent: $20,778.97 (79.35%)
- Utilities: $2,286.44 (8.73%)
- Subscription: $883.45 (3.37%)
- Insurance: $823 (3.14%)
- Reimbursement: $647.76 (2.47%)
- Marketing: $618.38 (2.36%)
- Finance: $67.95 (0.26%)
- Event Supplies: $49.77 (0.19%)
- Community: $31.75 (0.12%)

Total: $26,187.47

Summary:

The cost share is the amount we receive from rentals of Reason Center which includes member rentals, and outside groups. The donation amount is from our supporting members. The total yearly donations and cost share is less than our total operation expenses.
The chart below is of the 2019 assets.

Summary:

The graph shows three separate focuses of our assets. The endowments are donations to our endowment fund. A big thank you goes to Ken Nahigian with donating a large amount of stock investments, hence the increase above. The checking account shows a decline over the year related to our expenses from Reason Center.
Our Members

Dear members,

Our 2019 year at Reason Center was very rewarding and productive. Thanks to all our members, volunteers, and donors, we have remained open for another year and have provided the venue for many meetings and events; not only for the secular community but also for non-partner individuals and groups.

Our Partner Groups have had regular and special events at Reason Center with speakers from near and far. Atheists and Other Freethinkers (AOF) hosted monthly speakers with excellent attendance. Sunday Assembly Sacramento, in addition to monthly meetings, began recurring community service activities; making fleece blankets for children and teenagers with amazing success. They found that members of our community really want to help, they need only to be asked.

Sacramento FFRF chapter hosted Dan Barker, Co-President of the national organization, speaking and playing our piano. They also instituted a popular recurring program, “Judy’s Outrageous Interviews.”

In addition, AOF and Reason Center committee members put on the Human Light/Winter Solstice Party and the springtime Flying Spaghetti Monster party. HAGSA also held monthly meetings.

Among non-partner groups, there were baby showers, a birthday celebration, a big family party, and numerous book club meetings, discussion groups, and game nights. We have provided the space for memorials and celebrations of life for families who find the traditional funeral arrangements cost prohibitive.

You are amazing!
For these events especially, the Board of Directors takes pride in providing a service to the community. Invariably, the people who have hosted gatherings at Reason Center have been very appreciative of our welcoming space for their events.

Reason Center hosted a fall “Wine, Cheese, and Litera-Chear” event for book lovers. Additionally, Coffee and Community gatherings two Sunday mornings a month through the winter months. This event is an open house in which we invite people to come and enjoy coffee and pastries with us at no cost to meet new people, socialize, and become acquainted with Reason Center. The event saw much increased attendance this last winter.

Along with folks from Atheists and Other Freethinkers, the Reason Center Community Committee planned and hosted Movie Nights twice monthly. The movies are nominated by our members and tend to range from documentaries about many important and impactful topics to old-fashioned comedies not often seen.

We have done some work to update and enhance our physical space as well. With a generous donation of very comfortable furniture from Tom and Wendy Ikelman, and recently a beautiful and perfectly matching rug from Grace Thomasmeyer. We now have a very welcoming conversation area just right for small group discussions. It has been great for our Coffee and Community gatherings. David Diskin donated dishes for our kitchen to make our potlucks environmentally sound. Paper and plastic dinnerware being thrown away is no longer an issue. We have worked to keep the audio-visual system in good order and make sure our users know how to use it or have a volunteer available to assist them.

A large number of people have made contributions to the Futrell-Geisert Library. Fran Evanisko has been keeping it in good order. The books are all color coded by category and filed in a library database. Reason Center members may check out books to take home if they wish.

Our Reason Center website, reasoncenter.org, is regularly updated by volunteers Ben Tuason and Will Scharff. They have been working together to enhance and improve the website’s appearance and utility. Bakari Chiavanu has also contributed to maintaining the site. Will and Ben also contribute to our Facebook group page and our Meetup page, the vehicles we use to communicate with our community.

Thank you!
2019 Donations

Totals

Above $9000
Ken Nahigian

$500 to $650
David Herbert
Michael Caton

$300 to $400
Mynga Futrell

$200 to $250
Will Scharff
Nancy Sneed
Kathy E. Johnson
David Diskin
Chris Simmons
Kathy Warnock
Judy Saint
Brad Clark
Rachael Harrington
Gary Alexander

$70 to $100
Tom Ikelman & Wendy Ikelman
Sandra Lucas
Roger Zabkie & Pamella Rivera
Marcy Burks

$48 to $60
Allen Mortensen
John Reiger
Ryan Smith
Dawn Lawson
Billy Bowles
Adam Loomis
Cassie Blevins
Dr Chuck Wiseley
Emily Silver
Gary Hartmann
Marc Vertin
Matt Conens
Noah Kennedy
Ted Rodgers
John and Ruth Sitts
Linda Ostrofsky
Martin Hauser
William Cooper
Bakari Chavanu
Christine Tweet
Michelle Garcia

Less than $48
Erin Louis
Joseph Burgess
Leon W Fairley
Dina Nolte
Laurenne Brown
Sydney VanderWhite
Brandon Norgaard
Alex Warren

Thank you!
Our Partners

Atheists and Other Freethinkers
Black Humanists and Non-Believers of Sacramento
Brights Action Sacramento
California Freethought Day
Camp Quest West
Compassionate Humanists
Humanists Association of the Greater Sacramento Area
Sacramento Area Coalition of Reason
Sacramento Area Skeptics
Sacramento City College Secular Student Alliance
Greater Sacramento Chapter of Freedom from Religion Foundation
Sacramento Freethinkers Atheists and Nonbelievers
Sacramento Politics and Philosophy Group
Sunday Assembly Sacramento

Thank you!