

CPC Board Proposal - Membership Dues Increase

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Hello Circle Piners,

The CPC Board is putting a proposal to the membership to increase dues by \$3/month* for regular members bringing the monthly dues to \$15, less than the price of Netflix as Eddie says. The reasons are simple: costs are outstripping the value of our dues.

To remind the membership of the history of our dues, prior to the bylaw change in 2018 we had a \$400 membership payment (which could be paid over a time period) and annual membership dues that were set a minimum of 10% of the original payment or \$40. For the first ten years of membership this would equate to \$80 per year; after that \$40/year.

In 2018, the membership dues were re-structured to make it easier to join and have a more stable income for CPC. This came to a straight annual amount of \$120 or \$10/month. Since then we have only had one increase bringing our dues to a current amount of \$144/year.

Additionally since 2018 our inflation has produced a cumulative price increase of about 27%. So the purchasing power of that \$120 would be about \$153 today. All we are asking for is \$180.

I know this will impact some of us more than others, and that all prices are increasing this way everywhere. However we continue to discuss how low our salaries are, and how we need to improve our facilities. And currently we aren't growing our membership the way we need to spread the costs wider. Between member discounts, support of low income members the net value of dues is less than our Utilities costs.

So all that being said, I hope you consider this proposal to the membership favorably but I am looking forward to our discussion this May.

In service,

Romy Fitschen

Board Chair, 2024-2025

*low-income is half regular individual membership rate.

