



Annual Report: Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

This fiscal year which ended in June was one of our best. Our occupancy is up, we led more Workcamps, hosted more programs and reached out to more meetings. We said goodbye to good friends and welcomed new ones.

Patricia Newkirk, who has been an incredible force of change, left William Penn House in March to become a farmer and active grandmother. She now lives across the Sound from Seattle. Patricia's energy, creativity and hard work will be missed.

One of the joys of working at William Penn House is the opportunity to share our lives with the incredible young people who serve as interns. These tend to be among the best and brightest and they enrich the staff, our guests and the broader world. From these experiences, we learn and grow together and they are the source of much of our vitality. My goal is that each intern's goals and abilities are engaged and are nurtured while they share their journey with us. From this, the interns are empowered to improve how we operate and they are encouraged to reach out beyond the confines of their jobs to try something new and to push themselves and at the same time the rest of the staff. If they are as enriched as am I then one of my goals is reached.

Hospitality is the key activity here at William Penn House. Each year we have increased our average occupancy and this past year we had 72% of our beds occupied. That represents that our beds were occupied 7800 times during this 12 month period. 52% of our guests register as individuals and 48% are here with groups. During this period we hosted 73 groups. Most groups are from schools, churches or meetings. When that is translated into linens washed, breakfasts served and guests engaged it is even more impressive. We are open year-round except over Thanksgiving and Christmas.

To assist in the bookings we use a booking agent, Hostelworld.com, which has facilitated and improved our service. Individuals predominantly are here to lobby, to advocate and to learn, but many are here as tourists. Washington, DC is a very welcoming and vibrant city with free museums plus the opportunity to see government in action or inaction.

During this past year, Washington Quaker Workcamps led 515 young people in 31 Workcamps. Workcampers went to New Orleans, the hollows of West Virginia and the streets of Washington. They worked to enable the elderly to age in place; they fed the poor and helped to clean up city parks and rivers. They learned how to build rain gardens and how we each can improve our environment. And they learned about the interactions between poverty and privilege.

Through our programs, our guests learned that Washington, DC has 3rd world poverty and an HIV/AIDS rate that is the highest in the nation. We learned how ones spiritual life is affected by life changing diseases; how Quakers and others share their energies to offer resources to developing nations, especially Kenya. We shared our leadings to seek universal testing for HIV/AIDS to help to stop this contagion. We seek to engage, to ignite, to inflame each of our guests to seek a better world today not only by simplifying life but by seeking and acting on the simple solutions in a complex world. Potlucks, programs, and workshops both at William Penn House and on the road with Yearly and Monthly Meetings, schools, colleges, churches were all a part of our outreach and activities.

Through our outreach we have visited monthly and yearly meetings throughout the country and have found a commonality among Friends across divides of faith. We seek to transform the dialogue among Friends and to be a vehicle for Friends who seek to share their faith with those who follow a different path. If we Quakers cannot bridge our own differences how can we ask that of others?

We have sought to reduce our ecological imprint. The staff shares one vehicle and that is mostly work related. We commute by bus, subway, bicycles and walking. We buy fair trade products. We support local farmers, local coops and try to shop in season. We support neighborhood businesses over chains. We discourage bottled water which in itself is a capricious consumer of fossil fuel.

With support from the District of Columbia Department of Environment, we converted our back yard into a rain garden with the goal to reduce our runoff to zero. In addition we have re-landscaped the property with local vegetation which is drought resistant and attracts native fauna. We will begin to further green our property with a vegetated roof and solar panels.

As we seek to be the embodiment of the Quaker Testimonies of Community, Integrity, Simplicity, Equality and Peace we are challenged to evaluate each of our actions as to how they affect others. Do we enrich and engage others or do we go it alone. Each of our guests is exposed to our choices through our daily living which begins with silent worship.

To be disciples of peace requires us to live each day mindful of others that our daily actions affect our community and our enormous footprint is felt around the world. Until we can reduce our insatiable needs our world and our communities remain at risk. If we seek a better world, a world without war then we each must change, we each must evaluate our needs and how they affect the lives of others. If we only protest but do not make significant changes in how we live our lives we are wasting our time. Our hope is that everyone who enters our doors leaves with a greater sense of their own impact on the environment wherever they live or visit.

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Income		Expenses	
Lodging: Individuals	\$ 135,650	Personnel **	\$ 245,650
Lodging: groups	\$ 123,400	Building expenses	\$ 25,400
Program Fees	\$ 46,750	utilities	\$ 16,500
			\$
Contributions *	\$ 57,050	Program expenses	46,800
Grants	\$ 7,900	Outreach	\$ 5,600
Other	\$ 9,600	Marketing	\$ 8,300
		Consultants	\$ 6,250
		Insurance:	
		property	\$ 2,400
		Fund Raising	\$ 15,400
		General	
		Administration	\$ 21,300
Total Income	\$ 380,350	Total Expenses	\$ 393,600
			\$
	* Contributions	Health Insurance **	39,200.00
	15% income		10%
		37% of payroll	Expenses

Balance Sheet			
Assets		Liabilities	
<i>Cash</i>	\$ 21,072	<i>current</i>	\$ 7,511.00
<i>Cash equivalents</i>	\$ 3,464	<i>withholding</i>	\$ 240.00
<i>investments</i>	\$ 146,000	<i>payroll</i>	\$ 13,570.00
			\$
Liquid Assets	\$ 170,536	<i>Deferred revenue</i> ***	23,525.00
			\$
<i>Fixed assets</i>	\$ 338,700	<i>loans</i>	10,500.00
			\$
<i>Other assets</i>	\$ 4,200	<i>plant fund</i>	48,525.00
<i>Fixed and other assets</i>	\$ 342,900		
Liquid & fixed assets	\$ 522,657	Total Liabilities	\$ 82,550.00
			<i>Deposits for</i>
			*** <i>future bookings</i>

As shown above, providing health insurance to our staff is an ever increasing cost; this past year health insurance was 37% of our personnel costs and 10% of our total budget or \$5600 per employee.