

UPCOMING AND REGULAR EVENTS

MONTHLY POTLUCK - First Sunday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. We welcome speakers for the second hour to present on their life and work as it relates to Quakers and Quakerism. If you would like to present, please contact us.

SILENT WORSHIP - Every morning, 7:30 to 8AM

RAINSCAPE DEDICATION - Tuesday, September 23rd 4 — 5:30 P.M.

RAINSCAPE OPEN HOUSE - Saturday, September 27th 10 A.M. — 2 P.M.

PEDALING FOR PEACE - Late April (date to be confirmed).



Last year's event was fantastic, made better through the generosity of our sponsors:

Capitol Hill Bikes
Bike The Sights/Bike and Roll
Healthy Dog Dog and Cat Grooming
Smile Herb Shop.

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY - Early May (dates to be finalized). A three-day workshop. This is a great opportunity to participate in a high-quality professional training that benefits individuals, organizations and community, all at an affordable rate.

ECO-WORKCAMP - Week of July 4. 7 days and nights of environmental activities, awareness, and community building. Great for families and individuals, young and old.

We send out a **monthly e-newsletter** and regular announcements. If you don't get these, please contact Brad at 202-543-5560 or brad@williampennhouse.org to get on the list.

OUR MISSION

William Penn House is a Quaker center on Capitol Hill that engages people from all walks of life with issues of peace, reconciliation, social and economic justice, and environmental awareness, through inward reflection, hands-on experience, education, and community building. We support and celebrate those who "Speak Truth to Power" and seek to make visible the Quaker values of peace, community, simplicity, equality and truth.



A Quaker Center on Capitol Hill

Annual Report

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

William Penn House has become more than the sum of its parts. Our vitality is a reflection of our building bridges among Quakers and among other faith communities. Through our Washington Quaker Workcamps, we reach young people of many faiths and those from secular as well as faith based schools. In taking a leadership role on the issues surrounding AIDS/HIV we are building bridges with evangelical Christians and communities across the globe. In our efforts to reduce our ecological footprint, we reach out to others and set a small example of how a faith based business can be a corporate model. By opening our doors to guest from around the world we share our vision of community.

Each of these steps comes from the recognition that we all have gifts and leadings and they need to be nurtured, cherished and allowed to grow. The leadership on each area of growth that we experienced this year came not from a grand plan but from the individual leadings of inspired staff. My job has been to support and not to inhibit, to provide an atmosphere where new ideas can take root and grow.

We each recognize that our opportunity to serve is partly due to the continual generosity of our donors. Without these donations, we would be unable either to expand our programs or to reinvest funds into the fiscal requirements of maintaining and improving this 90 year old House while continuing to developing programs. As stewards of the House we have reinvested over \$200,000 over the past 7 years so that we can provide the best hospitality and faith-driven programs possible. This figure would be significantly greater if the work performed by staff was done by paid contractors.

Much of my adult life was spent in banking and real estate prior to joining William Penn House in 2001. I know that in order to work for an organization like this to reach potential, it takes commitment and sacrifice. For me, it is exciting to be a part of this dynamic group of people who bring their passion and commitment to their work. Our staff all work for salaries well-below their market value and with a strong dedication to the mission of the organization and to Quaker principles. While they are true models for placing service above monetary rewards, it is our goal to get to a position where we can better compensate them for their tireless work and dedication.

It is an exciting time for us as we look to the future. We welcome your input, participation, and support.

Byron Sandford
Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board members, all staff and interns fully participate in our monthly Board Meetings. We are always looking for new members, especially people who work for Quaker organizations or are members of Monthly Meetings.



WQW Workcamper doing renovation project in home of Capitol Hill neighbor

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Fiscal Year Ending August 2008

INCOME

Lodging	\$239,280
Program	\$50,150
Donations	\$81,550
Investments	-\$5,750
Other	\$4070
TOTAL	\$369,300

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$260,000
Utilities	\$15,100
Household Exp.	\$31,800
Outreach/Training	\$23,700
Insurance	\$2,300
Development	\$6,100
Administration	\$19,500
Repairs/Maintenance	\$11,000
TOTAL	\$369,500
Capital Improvements	\$27,700

CURRENT ASSETS

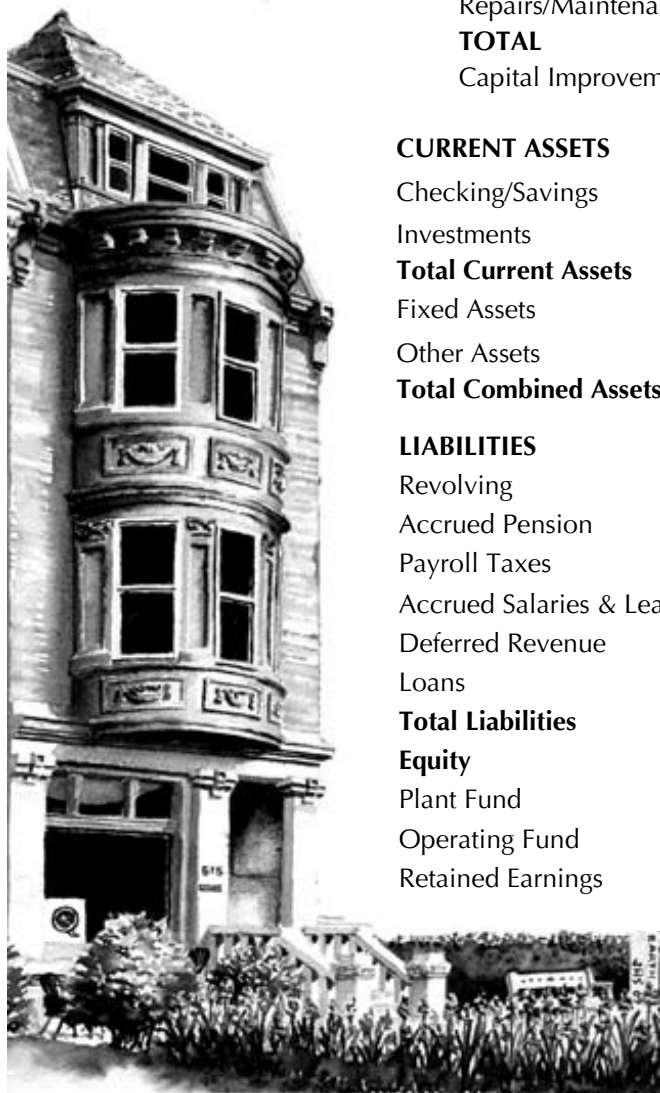
Checking/Savings	\$10,743
Investments	\$160,470
Total Current Assets	\$171,213
Fixed Assets	\$29,042
Other Assets	\$5287
Total Combined Assets	\$205,542

LIABILITIES

Revolving	\$7,500
Accrued Pension	\$8,600
Payroll Taxes	\$2,000
Accrued Salaries & Leave	\$11,000
Deferred Revenue	\$16,700
Loans	\$10,500
Total Liabilities	\$56,350

Equity

Plant Fund	\$43,400
Operating Fund	\$9,600
Retained Earnings	\$150,575



ABOUT THE STAFF

Associate Director Patricia Newkirk joined us five years ago with a vision that this facility could be an attractive retreat for those seeking to change the world and for weary visitors. As her plans have been implemented, the House has become warm, comfortable and welcoming. The front yard has become an oasis, and the back yard has now been transformed into an example of beauty and environmental sensitivity. Patricia also coordinated Eco-Family Workcamp that included participation in the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival where William Penn House contributed volunteers to the recycling project. She is a member of San Antonio (TX) Monthly Meeting.

Program Coordinator Brad Ogilvie joined us last year. We were struck by his grounding and depth of vision on how we as a faith community can contribute to the issues of faith, service and knowledge not only on issues of poverty and privilege but on faith based confusion regarding AIDS/HIV. We look forward to supporting this ministry and expanding and nurturing this life affirming leading. He is a member of Downers Grove (IL) MM.

WQW Coordinator Greg Woods, with his enthusiasm and commitment to work camping's transformative potential, provides a youthful perspective to our work of engaging today's youth in making love visible through work. Greg feels that through Workcamps and service that one can become the person that he or she is capable of being. He joined us in March, 2008 and is a member of Columbia (MO) Monthly Meeting.

Judy Hubbard reminds us daily of the gifts of hospitality and community. She greets each guest as if they were long lost friends being welcomed into her own home. Judy provides the grace and tenderness that each of us needs at the end of our travels. Judy is a member of Friends Meeting of Washington.

The goal for our **internship** program is that we can nurture the next generation of Quakers who will transform and grow our faith. **Faith Kelley**, a member of Shiloh Chapel Evangelical Friends Church (OH), is the poster child for what an internship can be. In addition to being an excellent hospitality and program intern, Faith has worked with Quakers of all four traditions to plan a Young Adult Friends retreat held at Earlham. Faith has reached across our Quaker barriers to nurture and sustain other young Friends who share the vision that the Religious Society of Friends can be a vital and growing faith. We are thankful to have her with us for 6 more months.

This past year, we were also incredibly fortunate to have as interns **Ben and Morgan Tipton** who literally changed the face of the house through the introduction of "green" cleaning products to building an urban rainscape in our backyard. For the second summer in a row Kate Smith, a member of Swarthmore Monthly Meeting, served as a summer intern. As this report goes to press, we are welcoming our newest interns, **Ben Self** and **Kelly Mansure**, as well as the return of **Lynette Lusenaka**, a Kenyan Quaker.



Pedaling for Peace, April 2008

THE GROUNDS

Our front yard is a Peace Garden, complete with a Peace Pole. Only five blocks from the US Capitol Building, it is a wonderful statement to Peace that is seen by countless people every day.

The backyard is now an urban prototype for minimizing environment-destroying storm water. "Storm water" is the runoff from a rainstorm that does not get soaked into the ground, but instead floods streams, rivers, and watersheds with life-destroying toxins and pollutants. Using gravel, stones and other natural elements, urban gardens can be engineered to filter these poisons so that the watershed is healthier.

We received a grant from the DC government to purchase supplies to turn our backyard into a "rainscape", complete with a labyrinth. Many students and adults participating in Washington Quaker Workcamps did much of the labor while learning both the skills and the reasons to do the same in their own community.

ABOUT THE HOUSE

The William Penn House can provide accommodations for 30 people. For individuals and groups staying at the house, we provide breakfast, linens and towels in shared accommodation rooms. We also offer wireless internet. There is a guest refrigerator in the dining room as well. Our occupancy rate this year was higher than ever, with rates reaching as high as 90% in many months.

In addition to overnight accommodations, we have the Cory Room for meetings and gatherings. And, every morning at 7:30 we have silent worship.

The house itself is now 91 years old and, although extremely comfortable and welcoming, needs constant attention and care.



WQW workers removing 18 inches of topsoil



The finished product

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Washington Quaker Workcamps is our most visible program offered to the community. This past year we worked with most of the area Friends schools (Sidwell, Friends Community, and Thornton). In March, Greg and Ben led the annual New Orleans trip for Sidwell students, and in June of this year, Greg and Morgan led a group of Sidwell students on their annual West Virginia trip. We worked with church youth groups and college groups from around the country. Service projects included repairs and renovations in homes of people with limited incomes; litter and invasive plant removal in parks; developing our backyard rainscape, and meal preparation and maintenance in organizations that serve the homeless. Through service, education, reflection and witnessing, WQW nurtures a holistic and transformational program that empowers participants to make a difference in their daily lives and in the world. Our location in DC makes an ideal place to pose the question: How can the most powerful city in the world, built on the ideals of equality, have some of the worst conditions of poverty, environment, education and health care, within blocks of but largely invisible to the power centers?

Educational Seminars We developed week-long programs for the University of Washington: Bothell and Wilmington College around Human Rights and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, respectively. Students from Western Michigan University visited for a day with local and internationally focused HIV/AIDS organizations which illustrated how HIV/AIDS is treated differently here and abroad.

An **Appreciative Inquiry** workshop was held at WPH in early May with 20 participants from around the country. AI is an exciting way to embrace organizational and community change that begins by identifying what is positive and connecting to it in ways that heighten energy and vision for change. We plan to offer this workshop annually.

Patricia coordinated our **Pedaling for Peace** bicycle fundraiser for the second year. Over 80 volunteers and riders participated, raising more than \$3000.

From June 30 to July 6, we held our first **Eco-Workcamp**. 27 people from 5 to 75 years old participated in a variety of environmental activities including litter and invasive plant removal, eco-themed boat and garden tours, work in our backyard, and five days at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on recycling patrol. Some came for a day, some stayed for a week. We plan to do this Workcamp again next year. It truly turns a passion for the environment into an informed action plan.

In early 2008, we started a **monthly e-newsletter** that provides timely announcements about news and events.

This is just a sampling of the past year that also included AFSC and FCNL youth and young adult programs. We are expanding our outreach to other Quaker schools and developing collaborative experiences for them. We are working with more colleges to create January or May mini-academic programs. Brad is connecting with a variety of DC-based HIV/AIDS organizations as well as churches doing AIDS work in Africa to spend time in DC exploring common themes that cross geography and theology. When we can work together across political and religious divides, we can achieve so much more.