

**Project Ploughshares Calgary
Proposed Budget 2009**

(Does not include Puppets for Peace or the Peace Pole)



**Project Ploughshares Calgary
Annual Report 2008**

Income

<i>Donations:</i>	Individuals	\$16,000
	Churches/Groups	5,000
	<i>Total donations</i>	<i>21,000</i>

<i>Fundraising:</i>	Singing for Peace Concert (net)	1,500
	Entertainment Books (net)	300
	Peace Fair (net)	4,000
	Spring Workshop (net)	250
	Speakers' fees	100
	Miscellaneous	100
	Interest earned	325
	<i>Total Fundraising</i>	<i>6,575</i>

Total Income **27,575**

Expenses

<i>Operating:</i>	Bank Charges	420
	Newsletter	600
	Office expenses	500
	Postage	100
	Rent	4,200
	Insurance	107
	Telephone/Internet	1,625
	<i>Total Operating</i>	<i>7,552</i>

Total Payroll (2 part-time people) *25,000*

<i>Other:</i>	Resources	200
	Speakers' fees	300
	Miscellaneous	300
	<i>Total Other</i>	<i>800</i>

Total Expenses **33,352**

Net Profit/(Loss) **(5,777)**

Summary of Remarks from Chairperson, Sally Hodges

For the first ten months of 2008 the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva had been stalled for ten years, but we and people like us around the world, knew that we had to continue to hold the torch of disarmament and nuclear abolition regardless. We had public meetings about Iran, about cluster bombs and about war resisters. Either to lift our spirits or to strangely presage what was to come, our spring workshop was entitled Cause for Hope: Facing the World's Challenges. President Obama, since coming to office, has been moving ahead with what he said he would do in the areas of collaboration, international law, treaties, arms control, nuclear abolition, and human security. Ploughshares is very encouraged by his validation of many of the views we have long held and we now hear weekly, of progress occurring in international disarmament fora.

At the humble local level, among other things in 2008, Ploughshares held its first political forum in many years during the federal election in October. All the candidates but the incumbent in Calgary West, responded to peace, security and development questions before an audience of over 70 people.

We also continued with our large community peace pole project. More than 40 community groups, the Calgary Foundation and individuals donated over \$30,000 in 2008. Our program coordinator Diane Janzen and executive member Lena Osman created a series of videos on the project for YouTube. Also in the creative realm three university students, as part of a university course, drew up a helpful marketing plan for reaching more cultural groups. A design launch in May and a celebration of the International Day of Peace in September at the site kept the peace pole project in the public eye. It is hoped that the peace pole will be built in the next two months, to join 250,000 other peace poles around the world and to provide Calgarians a place to visit or to gather to reflect on peace. It will be just on the east side of the 10 St bridge, south west.

Our reaching out has brought us a little closer to Ploughshares National, located in Waterloo, Ontario. We were very pleased to meet John Siebert, two years the Executive Director of Ploughshares National, who visited and gave a presentation on Ploughshares' good work on peace building in the Horn of Africa. We also began discussions with the national office about Ploughshares Calgary having the facility of an endowment fund, in order to be able to solicit further bequests. This will help assure us of some income and reassure the donor that our work will continue. We will have further information about this in the fall.

Puppets for Peace will be continuing in October. Peace Education in schools, including Nonviolence Education is a continuing interest for us. We link with the Canadian Centre for Teaching Peace which has taken on this topic.

Project Ploughshares Calgary is often invited to partner or have a table at other people's events which we are happy to do. Diane is also a paid facilitator for presentations, particularly about nonviolence.

Ploughshares is run by volunteers, ably backed by Diane. We held a volunteer appreciation evening in June '08 which featured SERIOUS desserts and fabulous Chinese harp music among other treats. I would like to remind those present that we need you and that there is fun to be had helping with a wide range of things.

We recall last year's successful fundraising Celtic concert with Rod Walsh and Graham Tait. This year's Singing for Peace concert October 30 will feature the popular singer Paul Rumbolt. Volunteers will work with Paul to bring us yet another fantastic concert. On November 14th the Peace Fair will turn 25 this year and we need volunteers to run that. Volunteers ran the Spring Workshop, the Peace Pole 'People Building Peace' Event on the Int'l Day of Peace in September, and another well attended and moving concert with Jim and Jean Strathdee from California. Volunteers are needed in the coming year for other things like being on the Executive, publicizing and facilitating general meetings, maintaining the website, research, writing, fundraising, looking after resources, hosting displays, and helping with finances and special events.

At this point I would like to thank all those who have volunteered in the last 18 months. I would sincerely like to thank the Executive for their dedication and hard work. I would particularly like to thank Joan Hedstrom, our new volunteer treasurer, who took over from Gail Stanfield in January. We would like to thank Larry Negrave for auditing our books for 2008, and Nancy Hetherington Peirce for running the Peace Fair so admirably for 8 years.

Thirdly, I would like to thank Diane Janzen for her dedication to this job. She brings enthusiasm, and enormous talent and skill. In addition to her regular Ploughshares work she has been chairing the Peace Pole committee, which is an exercise in patience and careful politics, and she has been carrying out the coordinator's role for Puppets for Peace.

Although we appear to be a small group we are well connected. Our Executive member Bev DeLong visits Ottawa several times a year to discuss nuclear issues with national groups and with members of the government. Project Ploughshares Calgary will continue to play its part for peace through its monthly newsletters for 500 groups and people, meetings, the website, petitions, letters and liaisons with other groups. We can not see the small ripples that we are making but they do flow out. I hope that we may all continue in this work with courage and strength in the year to come.

"Even under the most crushing state machinery, courage rises up again and again, for fear is not the natural state of civilized man."

Aung San Suu Kyi b. 1945 Burma's democratically elected leader

Chairperson's Financial Remarks

The PPC finances are alive, but looking quite pale.

On the healthy side, our assets include \$28,000 of bequests which will not be part of the operating funds. In 2008 our income from our regular fundraising efforts was higher than average. We were very grateful to the G. Weaver Memorial Fund, Parkdale and St David's United Churches for contributing generously to our spring workshop. Individual donations to Ploughshares were slightly up from 2007. We made inquiry phone calls to those who have supported us in the past.

On the less healthy side, we have been operating with a deficit for two years and 2009's is a deficit budget. The present operating fund is \$2,687 as of June 6, 2009. Annual operating costs are about \$32,000.

The Executive will be taking a hard look at this situation and we welcome suggestions.

2008 at a Glance

January – Joyeux Noël film and discussion

February – Window on Iran with Reese Erlich on book tour

March – Cluster Munitions with Jamilah Joseph from the Red Cross

April – Sing with the Strathdees fundraising concert
– co-sponsored MCC event: **Searching for Peace: The Lost Children of Uganda** (Angelina Atyam)

May – Cause for Hope: Facing the World's Challenges Spring Workshop with guest speakers The Very Reverend Bill Phipps, Ricardo Acuna, and Carolyn Pogue

June – Volunteer Appreciation Evening and Ploughshares Calgary's AGM

September – People Building Peace the Calgary Community Peace Pole Committee celebrated the International Day of Peace

October – Calgary West All-Candidates Forum with peace questions to the candidates prepared by Ploughshares

November – Annual Holiday Peace Fair
– **Building Peace in the Horn of Africa, Piece by Piece** with John Siebert, Executive Director of Ploughshares national

**Project Ploughshares Calgary
Profit and Loss Statement 2008**

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Income

Donations – Groups/Churches	\$3,710
Donations – Individual/Anonymous	16,546
Entertainment Books	1,170
Strathdee Concert	2,965
Buy a Day	515
Singing for Peace	1,806
Peace Fair	5,682
Spring Workshop	2,720
Speakers Fees	100
Sales	113
Interest income	48

Total Income **35,375**

Expenses

<i>Total Operating Expenses</i> (bank charges, newsletter, office supplies, rent and telephone)	8,425
<i>Payroll Expenses (2 part-time people)</i>	22,748
<i>Project Expenses</i>	
Entertainment Books	864
Peace Fair	1,998
Spring Workshop	2,677
Strathdee Concert	782
Singing for Peace	250
<i>Total Project Expenses</i>	6,571
<i>Other Expenses</i>	
Speakers Fees	500
Speaker Travel	764
Depreciation	515
Miscellaneous	175
<i>Total Other Expenses</i>	1,954

Total Expenses **39,698**

Net Profit/(Loss) **(4,323)**

Addendum to Profit and Loss Statement 2008

The Puppets for Peace income for the year 2008 was \$1,755, expenses \$3,201. Year end bank balance was \$10,416.

The Calgary Community Peace Pole Project's income was \$30,476 (donations, sales and one grant), with expenses totaling \$986. This designated fund stood at \$32,852 on December 31.



Puppets for Peace

Puppets for Peace is the only program of its kind in Calgary that offers bully-proofing puppet shows in elementary schools.

Puppets for Peace took a sabbatical for the 2008-2009 school year to look at the organization of the program and determine what changes needed to be made in order to make the program viable and run smoothly.

The Puppets for Peace Steering Committee is planning on hiring staff in the summer and restarting the program in the fall of 2009, beginning with one play geared for students grades 4-7, *Birds of a Feather* (written for Puppets by Carolyn Pogue).

Upcoming Ploughshares Events for Fall 2009

September 20	Celebration of the International Day of Peace and the unveiling of the Calgary Community Peace Pole (along the Bow River pathway east of 10St bridge)
October 30	Singing for Peace Concert at Parkdale United Church with Paul Rumbolt
November 14	25 th Annual Holiday Peace Fair at St. David's United Church 9:30am to 4pm