

**Project Ploughshares Calgary
Proposed Budget 2010**

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

Income		
<i>Donations:</i>	Individuals	\$16,000
	Churches/Groups	5,000
	Reimbursement from bank	930
	<i>Total donations</i>	<i>21,930</i>
<i>Fundraising:</i>	Singing for Peace Concert (net)	1,500
	Entertainment Books (net)	240
	Peace Fair (net)	4,500
	Spring Workshop (net)	600
	Garage Sale	500
	Speakers' fees	100
	Miscellaneous	100
	Interest earned	400
	<i>Total Fundraising</i>	<i>7,940</i>
Total Income		29,870
Expenses		
<i>Operating:</i>	Bank Charges	30
	Newsletter	400
	Office expenses	500
	Postage	100
	Rent	4,400
	Insurance	200
	Telephone/Internet	1,575
	<i>Total Operating</i>	<i>7,205</i>
	<i>Total Payroll (2 part-time people)</i>	<i>24,000</i>
<i>Other:</i>	Resources	200
	Speakers' fees	300
	Miscellaneous	300
	<i>Total Other</i>	<i>800</i>
Total Expenses		32,005
Net Profit/(Loss)		(2,135)



**Project Ploughshares Calgary
Annual Report 2009**

Summary of Remarks from Chairperson, Sally Hodges

On the national level, our awareness of the Government's commitment to nuclear abolition has brought disappointment. Knowledgeable staff at all levels who work on international treaties, and nuclear disarmament in particular, have been cut or moved to other areas. Rather than taking leadership on calling for a nuclear weapon treaty, or convention as it is known, our government continues to believe that reiterating former promises about nuclear disarmament will do. However, at the recent Non-Proliferation-Treaty, the NPT, Review conference in NY, our Government did make a modest effort to strengthen the institutional machinery of the NPT with the result that a United Nations dedicated staff officer was approved for organizing NPT meetings. Canada featured in a different way at the NPT conference when a list of 515 Order of Canada recipients who are requesting a nuclear weapons treaty as soon as possible, was handed to the Conference president. Ploughshares Calgary played a small role in this list by sending letters to 66 Order of Canada recipients in Calgary. A handful did join the call from Calgary. The NPT conference president called the action 'meaningful input'.

On the local level, PPC tackled a brand new subject for us for the Spring Workshop. Who would have thought that Calgarians would have the opportunity to hear some of the inside story of the violence happening in Jamaica and that Ploughshares Calgary would create a space for dialogue between gun-owners and the Calgary Area Firearms Officer, set in a background of international efforts to create an international Small Arms Treaty? This workshop brought together two national Ploughshares staff here, a Ploughshares partner from Jamaica, two members of the Calgary police force, an alderman, a resource person from the Alliance to End Violence, and others. Small arms will be a topic we need to continue to bring forward.

Last year's spring workshop also brought a topic that requires vision to be involved in. Thirty-five Calgarians benefited from training with the group called the Nonviolent Peaceforce and learned of their preventative work in Sri Lenka and the Philippines. The workshop was rounded out with an address about German Nonviolent Resistance in WW II.

We were grateful to Bev Delong this spring for her mini-workshop on Building Momentum Towards Nuclear Abolition which laid out in a positive manner what steps are being taken and what is needed.

Every two years the Disarmament Education committee of the United

Nations requests a description of work that NGO groups have done towards nuclear disarmament. Here's roughly what we sent them recently:

'From July 2008 to June 2010 in regard to disarmament education Project Ploughshares Calgary has held 13 public educational meetings, three workshops, two film showings and an all-candidates' forum. It has run two anti-nuclear campaigns, one to reach Calgarian recipients of the Order of Canada and one to reach 20 Alberta Mayors, and has supported five petitions. Our staff person has spoken on non-violence at numerous schools and the university. Project Ploughshares has also run two major projects partly related to disarmament'.

One of those projects, the Calgary Community Peace Pole, took three years in the making but was 90% complete for the International Day of Peace September 21, 2009. Over fifty religious, community and ethnic groups joined this effort. The script for the word peace in over sixty languages spoken in Calgary was laser cut into a panel which also bears the charter agreed to by each group. A joyful celebration was held and connections between the groups will continue with another International Day of Peace gathering on Sunday September 19.

The second of Ploughshares' major projects is Puppets for Peace. Helen Negrave has been chairing the committee that runs Puppets for Peace and we thank her very sincerely for the dedication and love that she has put into this project.

Something that seems to happen with Ploughshares is that our educational meetings occasionally spawn other little groups who gather around a topic. Help for an American Iraqi war-resister is a case in point, and the Nonviolent Peaceforce also benefited from us holding our workshop by being able to deliver more training afterwards. Developing Peace Camps seemed of interest although this has not gone ahead so far. We do present a wide range of issues at our monthly meetings. If you go to our website you can look at our newsletters and be reminded of them

Ploughshares also contributes to peace connections in Calgary by bringing 25 groups together every November for the Peace Fair. 2009 was our 25th anniversary and gifts were given to our longest attending vendors, UNICEF being the longest as our first vendor 25 years ago.

One last activity that Ploughshares engages in is the annual Singing for Peace concert. In 2009 Paul Rumbolt took us on a journey through emotions and places with his original songs and we look forward to his new creations, in combination with another singer, this year on October 16.

I would like to thank all our volunteers and especially the Executive. Our monthly Executive meetings keep us hopping and it is wonderful to have an Executive who respond to pleas for help. Many, many thanks to each Executive member for your time and commitment this year!

Chairperson's Financial Remarks

Financially, Project Ploughshares is just keeping its head above water. This year we have opened a separate account for our designated funds, the peace pole and a particular family fund, and can thus see our cash flow more easily. With almost \$3000 a month spent on salary, office expenses, programming and newsletter it is possible for us to fall behind. To help address this we have moved our yearly request for supporters' donations to the spring. I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you, who have contributed to Ploughshares in the last year. We would not be here without you!

Last year we did receive a second bequest, for which we are very grateful and have received word of another small one coming soon. Interest from the first two bequests is about \$400 a year at present. Strangely enough, we have been sitting on \$48,000 for the Peace Pole. This awaits total completion of the pole and plaza and invoices from the general contractor. This will no doubt be dealt with by the Fall. We are very pleased to welcome a second person to watch over our money. Carl Svoboda is now our treasurer, and Joan Hedstrom continues on as our bookkeeper. In addition Larry Negrave, a professional auditor, has agreed to continue to audit our books. Please help me thank these three people very much for joining in the drive for peace by contributing skills which many of the rest of us lack.

2009 at a Glance

January – Calgary's Energetic Peace Scene presentations by Kelly Dowdell - Consortium for Peace Studies, Collette Lemieux - War Resister's Support Campaign, Sally Hodges - Peace Café and Syed Sohawardy -Multifaith Walk Against Violence

February – Peace Reflections from Ottawa with Diane Janzen

March – *The Strangest Dream* film screening in partnership with the NFB

April – Making Nonviolence Work: Example from Recent History and Conflict Intervention Training a workshop with Madelyn MacKay from Nonviolent Peaceforce and Sandra Hoenle and Diane Janzen from PPC

May – Resistance to Media Narratives of War with Dr. Susan Ross

June – Information on the Cuban Five with Rick Collier and PPC AGM

September – Celebration of the Unveiling of the Calgary Peace Pole

October – Sharing from the Dalai Lama Now Conference with Diane Janzen and Tracey Braun from PPC

November – What I Heard About Afghanistan with James Loney

**Project Ploughshares Calgary
Profit and Loss Statement 2009**

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Income

Donations – Groups/Churches	\$4,410
Donations – Individual/Anonymous	12,984
Donations – Designated	1,055
Entertainment Books	960
Buy a Day	200
Singing for Peace	1,759
Peace Fair	7,224
Spring Workshop	2,226
Miscellaneous Income	1,796

Total Income **32,654**

Expenses

<i>Total Operating Expenses</i> (bank charges, newsletter, office supplies, rent and telephone)	7,192
<i>Payroll Expenses (2 part-time people)</i>	22,722
<i>Project Expenses</i>	
Entertainment Books	768
Peace Fair	2,504
Spring Workshop	2,614
Singing for Peace	301
<i>Total Project Expenses</i>	6,187
<i>Other Expenses</i>	
Honorarium	150
Travel	713
Workshop & Conference Fees	648
Depreciation	871
Miscellaneous	376
<i>Total Other Expenses</i>	2,896

Total Expenses **38,997**

Net Profit/(Loss) **(6,343)**

Addendum to Profit and Loss Statement 2009

The Puppets for Peace income for the year 2009 was \$2,120, expenses \$8,940. Year end bank balance was \$3,590.

The Calgary Community Peace Pole Project's income was \$18,814 (donations, sales), with expenses totaling \$3,640. This designated fund stood at \$48,022 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 restarted in September 2009 after taking a break for a year. The program restarted with offering *Birds of a Feather* to students grades 4-6 (focus on empowerment and taking responsibility) and in January 2010 added a second presentation, *Lisasaurus Rex* for students grades K-3 (focus on bully-proofing). To generate bookings, Puppets for Peace had two draws for a free show and a promotion of \$100 per show in April. Miraculously, the schedule was filled and the shows broke even. A recent evaluation described them as 'absolutely fabulous!'

Upcoming Ploughshares Events for Fall 2010

September 19	Celebration of the International Day of Peace at the Calgary Community Peace Pole (along the Bow River pathway east of 10St bridge)
October 16	Singing for Peace Concert at Parkdale United Church with Paul Rumbolt
November 6	Annual Holiday Peace Fair at St. David's United Church 9:30am to 4pm