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Summary of Remarks from Chairperson, Sally Hodges

It is always good to look back and reflect on what one has been doing. For Project Ploughshares Calgary, on reflection, the year 2012 and since have yielded a number of important new directions. Even in some international peace issues, supported in research by our national group and in spirit by Ploughshares Calgary, there has been progress. After 16 years of discussion and negotiation, the Arms Trade Treaty was adopted in the UN General Assembly on April 2 this year. This treaty spells out an international code of conduct for the annual \$70 billion dollar global trade in conventional arms. Hopefully this global acceptance of regulations will slowly spill over into domestic policies in each country and the proliferation of arms across the world will begin to shrink back to safer levels. Working on causes of the growth in arms - greed on the part of arms dealers, fear on the part of the purchasers – is something that Ploughshares Calgary will continue to tackle. More of that in a moment.

So what was new for Ploughshares Calgary in the last 18 months? First of all, to our pleasure and surprise, a new group arose which is strongly linked to us. Dr. Arthur Clark retired in June last year and initiated two projects around which some Ploughshares and other people have gathered. Entitled the 2020 Vision for Humanity Network, the group is putting on the first Nagasaki and Hiroshima commemorative lantern event on August 9 this year, at the Eau Claire Market lagoon, followed by an academic symposium on the ways in which humanity will best flourish in November. Ploughshares is part of the 2020 Network.

A second direction and burst of external input came when we decided to look at the topic of defending the environment as a peace issue, basically for two spring workshops. With some excellent leaders we were encouraged to advocate for a post-carbon economy and to discover the power we already have, at last year's spring workshop, and we learned about the deep commitment needed to effect change, this year. As an exciting example of what taking action can bring, we were one of the Calgary groups

Project Ploughshares Calgary Income Statement 2012

INCOME	2011	2012
Donations		
Donations – Charities	6,650	2,708
Donations – Tax Receiptable	19,675	15,515
Donations - Anonymous	253	404
Bequests	15,000	0
Rent Rebate		250
Total Donations & Bequests	41,578	18,877
Revenue/Other Income (*2012 figures not net)		
Peace Fair (net)	5,470	6,674
Singing for Peace (net)	806	0
Entertainment Books (net)	360	176
Spring Workshop (net)	-392	2,080
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,118	11
Spolumbo's (net)	1,015	4,484
Peace Run		14,475
30 th Anniversary Dinner	0	2,685
	0	
Speaker Revenue	30	200
Interest Income	1,189	843
Return of Puppets for Peace bank balance	2,386	
Total Revenue/Other Income	11,982	31,628
TOTAL INCOME	53,560	50,505
EXPENSES		
Payroll & Honoraria	21,547	23,966
Operating Expenses		
Rent	4,440	370
Telephone	1,499	1,499
Office Supplies	768	1,297
Courier/Postage	221	166
Printing/Newsletter	457	1,062
Bank Charges	90	21
Travel	200	526
Misc (Advertising, licences, donations)	542	508
Total Operating Expenses	8,217	5,449
Fundraising/Project Expenses		
Nuclear Weapons (Doug Roche)		697
Spring Workshop		119
Peace Fair		1663
Spolumbo's		3,541
30 th Anniversary Dinner		194
Peace Run		10,507
Total Fundraising/Project Expenses		16,721
TOTAL EXPENSES	29,764	46,136
NET INCOME	23,796	4,369

**Project Ploughshares Calgary
Proposed Budget 2013**

INCOME	
Donations – Charities	4,000
Donations – Individuals/Anonymous	18,000
Peace Fair	5,000
Spolumbo's sales	800
Entertainment Books	300
Spring Workshop	200
Miscellaneous/Interest Earned	2,000
Peace Run	5,000
TOTAL INCOME	35,300
EXPENSES	
Total Payroll & Honoraria Expenses	20,000
Operating Expenses	
Rent	0
Telephone	1,500
Office Equipment	1,000
Office Supplies	700
Courier/Postage	300
Printing/Newsletter	500
Bank Charges	100
Travel	200
Advertising, Licenses, Special Events	1,500
Misc	200
Nonviolence Project	5,000
Total Operating Expenses	11,000
Contingency/Equipment Replacement Fund	4,300
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,300
DESIGNATED FUNDS as at Dec. 31, 2012	
Peace Pole	2,315
Tollefson Funds	4,586
Peace Run	6,906
Bank fees reserve	19

encouraging support for the Achuar Indigenous peoples in Peru against Talisman Oil, and we can claim to have helped, at least in a small way, to bring about the Talisman decision to withdraw from oil exploration in Peru.

A third avenue or should I say path we have taken this past year was the first Calgary Peace Run and Walk. Due to the genius of our Program Director, Karen Huggins, this event not only raised \$16,000, shared between three groups, but caught the imagination of participants. The run/walk created an instant new community of people who expressed that they cared about peace, in public apparently for the first time. This is the stuff of starting a new movement for social change. People felt part of a larger community, caught up in something greater than themselves, and excited and moved by it. This is the antidote to fear that makes people start believing that guns will protect us. This is the start of the momentum we need to abolish nuclear weapons.

Speaking of which, we continue to be grateful to Executive member Bev Delong for her lifelong engagement at a national and international level in nuclear abolition work. Thanks to Bev and the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW) which she chairs, we know what aspect of nuclear abolition to pursue each year, such as bringing Mayors for Peace statements to the attention of Alberta mayors and petitioning our government to take action, as they voted they would, on bringing together other countries to discuss a nuclear weapons treaty.

Our yearly contributions to the peace scene in Calgary continue to be almost monthly public educational meetings and to publish an excellent monthly peace newsletter.

In terms of liasons with other groups, we are delighted to share the office with the Initiatives of Change group, we are grateful to the Soka Gakkai Buddhist group for their philosophical leadership in nuclear abolition, and we thank Kairos and many other Calgary groups for their work and support. Due to our new directions last year we are now examining some contracted collaboration between Ploughshares and the Calgary Centre for Global Community and the Consortium for Peace Studies at the university. The intention is to streamline certain aspects of being peace groups in Calgary and to work more closely in common cause. Our three groups have already

partnered on several programs.

Financially, you will see that we managed to keep our heads above water thanks to the generosity of our wonderful supporters, such as you. Our Spolumbo's fundraiser and the Peace Run also helped and a former bequest continues to provide a small flotation device for us. We thank Joan Hedstrom VERY much for the three years of volunteer bookkeeping work she gave us. After a couple of false starts with new bookkeepers the executive recently made the decision to pay for our bookkeeping services. We would welcome a funder or two to underwrite this. I am very happy to introduce our new bookkeeper, Terri Brown. Welcome, Terri.

One of Ploughshares' strengths is the loyalty of its supporters. It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of a former Executive member this past year, Rick Collier. Rick died doing what he loved to do, climbing a mountain. Rick was a member of Ploughshares for 25 years and had become a strong activist on behalf of the environment.

An AGM would not be complete without mention of volunteers. I am so proud of the volunteers who help with the Peace Fair. Many of these people helped found Ploughshares Calgary back in 1982. Thirty years have a way of changing a person but these hardcore individuals just don't give up. They stand as proud reminders of the values and goals on which Project Ploughshares is founded. We thank them for their continuing intentional example. Fortunately, we are also blessed with the presence of many people of the next two generations. Our Executive for the new year will include four people in their twenties to forties. Our focus this year on parenting, children and youth has brought great interest and new contacts. The Peace Run attracted 50 volunteers, mostly through the efforts of Saima Jamal, who is joining the Executive tonight. I would also like to single out Rashi Ghai, who has helped with the Spolumbo's fundraiser and is organizing the volunteers for the Peace Run this year. If YOU have some spare time and willingness, Karen has a job that is asking for you. It is calling out to you. Making a peaceful world takes a lot of people, time and effort.

I would like to thank this past year's executive. Together we plan the programs and respond to peace issues that arise. I have mentioned Bev Delong.

Our unofficial secretary is Tracey Braun who takes the minutes and is our resource for official paperwork and community engagement.

Niki Enns Fehr not only chaired last year's spring workshop committee but delights us with her baby boy at meetings.

Sandra Hoenle is our liason to the Consortium for Peace Studies. Lena Osman handles feeding 50 people at workshops and reminds us to do a little activism once in a while.

Carl Svoboda is our treasurer.

Ehsan Tarok is our super-talented website designer and updater. He also creates posters for us when asked. We cannot thank him enough for being so reliable and committed and we greatly enjoy his peace philosophy.

Jean Tolleson is one of the old guard without whom we would hardly know what to do.

Project Ploughshares Calgary would not have achieved half of what we have in the last year without the particular Program Director that we have. Karen Huggins is a powerhouse for good. She lives and breathes peace seemingly every moment of every day. She told us at her interview 2.5 years ago that Ploughshares was her dream job, and by now I truly believe her. She and Ploughshares' work are one. We are so very fortunate to have Karen and we thank her for every minute of every day that she thinks and does 'Ploughshares'.

And so, to end, two quotes, the first from the Friends Committee on national Legislation in Washington DC:

'Research has indicated that investing early to prevent conflicts from escalating into violent crises is, on average, 60 times more cost effective than intervening after violence erupts. Still, the world spends just \$1 on conflict prevention for every \$1,885 it spends on military budgets.'

And a second. "Goals are like magnets; they pull you in the direction you want to go. The clearer the goal, the stronger the pull."

Let us continue to set out our goals really clearly.

Sally Hodges, Chair

2012 at a Glance

January	Ancient Goddess Cultures of Peace by Dr. Ronnie Joy Leah
February	Oasis of Peace -. In conjunction with Parkdale United Church and the Calgary Centre for Global Community
April	The Achuar and Nonviolent Resistance. Can Peace Be Green? Using Nonviolence to Support the Earth. (Annual Spring Workshop)
June	Peaceful Programs Around the Planet - Martha McManus Remembering Hiroshima, Visualizing Peace with The Hon. Douglas Roche, former Senator, Member of Parliament, and Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament.]
July	Dance Walks – Promotion for the Calgary Peace Run
August	Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days Yoga for Peace – Promotional event for the Calgary Peace Run
September October	Calgary Peace Run Project Ploughshares 30th Anniversary with Ernie Regehr speaking on ‘Ending War: How and How Soon?’ Protecting the Most Vulnerable: A Moral Responsibility or Messianic Folly? Saturday workshop. Ernie Regehr spoke about the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) doctrine.
November	Refusing to be Enemies with Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta Ploughshares Annual Holiday Peace Fair

Upcoming Ploughshares Events for 2013

June 12	Readers' Theatre – The 1325 Key to Peace
August 9	Memorial Lantern Event in memory of all the victims of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
August 22	Yoga for Peace, 12:00, Olympic Plaza
September 21	2 nd Annual Calgary Peace Run, starting at Festival Market Square outside of the Eau Claire Running Room
November 2	2020 Vision for Humanity Network Symposium: Toward Human Security Worldwide
November 11	Remembrance Day Ceremony, Calgary Community Peace Pole
November 23	Project Ploughshares Annual Peace Fair, Parkdale United Church