

Western Friend

Annual Report

May, 2011

The purpose of **Western Friend** is to build community among our constituent yearly meetings: Inter-Mountain Yearly Meeting (IMYM), North Pacific Yearly Meeting (NPYM), and Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM). In addition to publishing **Western Friend** magazine, **Western Friend** works to bring Friends together in person around common interests. Between the “Rightly Ordered Financial Management for Friends Organizations” and “Spiritual Storytelling” workshops, we have directly enriched the spiritual lives of hundreds of Friends. Our most recent books, **Enlivened by the Mystery: Quakers and God** and **To Be Broken and Tender: a Quaker Theology for Today** are both popular with meeting study groups. Marge Abbott, author of **To Be Broken and Tender** has been traveling the country, leading Friends in workshops based on the book. During the past year **Western Friend** has reached thousands of Friends through our books and magazines, and hundreds more through in-person experiences where our editor, Kathy Hyzy, gave workshops and speeches.

Our website, WesternFriend.org, has been redesigned and includes new information and tools for you. You can now read articles from the latest issue, learn about Quaker events around the West on our online calendar, submit letters to the editor, comment on articles, and donate, subscribe, or purchase books. You can also easily contact the editor with your questions and comments.

Western Friend currently publishes eight issues per year and continues to give readers articles and essays that engage Friends' hearts and minds. Themed issues have been an especially popular way to expand Friends' understanding of salient topics. Recent issues include: Immigration (November 2010), Quaker Bloggers in the West (January/February 2011), and Youth (April/May 2011). You can look forward to more themed issues in coming months!

This year Stephen Matchett of San Francisco Monthly Meeting (PYM) completed six years of service, including three years as clerk. Maria Melendez, Logan Monthly Meeting (IMYM) is leaving the board after serving as clerk and ending a three year term. Langdon Elsbree from Claremont Monthly Meeting (PYM) completed his service to the board. We are thankful to these Friends for their dedicated and able service, and are trusting their yearly meetings to find replacements able to fill their shoes. Our officers for the coming year will be Jerel Peterson, Mountain View Friends Meeting (IMYM), Clerk, Solomon Smilack, Mountain View Meeting (IMYM), Recording Clerk, and Jonathan Brown, South Seattle Monthly Meeting (NPYM), Treasurer.

Accompanying this report are financial statements. **Western Friend's** financial situation is improving. Boosting the organization's inadequate operating reserves remains an area of focused concern by the finance committee, board, and editor.

Western Friend provides a great service to us, connecting isolated Friends and Meetings with one another. The only way that can happen is if Friends and meetings subscribe! Your subscriptions are also a way of supporting all of the ministries of **Western Friend**. If you don't have time to read the magazine, but still want to support **Western Friend's** community building work, please consider making a donation. Perhaps **Western Friend** could be a beneficiary in your will. Currently twenty-five of the roughly eighty monthly meetings in the West support **Western Friend** with annual contributions. Could yours also contribute?

We invite Friends to contact a board member or the editor, Kathy Hyzy (Multnomah Meeting, NPYM), with questions and ideas. Kathy and at least one board member will be present at all three of the summer Annual Sessions. We appreciate hearing from you, and the editor especially welcomes your stories and other submissions, as well as your concerns. **Western Friend** exists to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comparative Statements of Financial Position

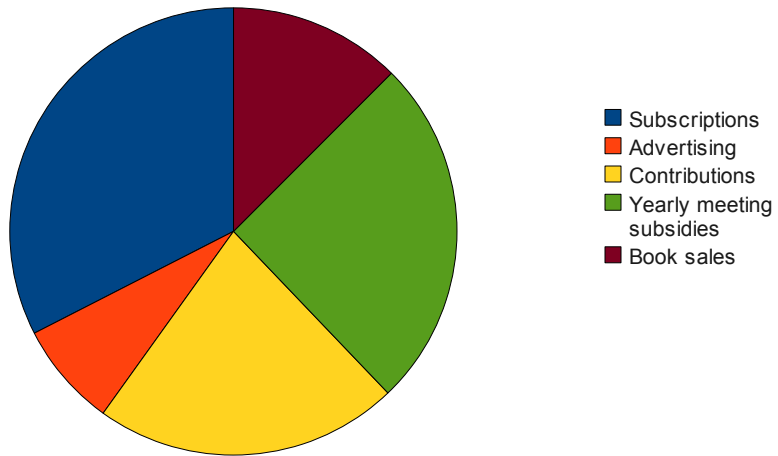
	Projected 9/30/2011	9/30/2010	9/30/2009
ASSETS			
Cash	\$12,640	\$10,825	\$4,353
Accounts Receivable	\$600	\$1,206	\$0
Rental deposit	\$400	\$400	\$400
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,640	\$12,431	\$4,753
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Accounts payable	\$0	\$225	\$1,709
Payroll liabilities	\$2,800	\$5,575	\$2,837
Note payable, loan	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
Total Liabilities	\$2,800	\$5,800	\$6,046
Equity			
Special Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$4,670
Financial Review Reserve	\$1,387	\$1,387	\$0
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$5,244	\$(2,681)	\$(750)
Net Income	\$4,209	\$7,925	\$(5,214)
Total Equity	\$10,840	\$6,631	\$(1,294)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$13,640	\$12,431	\$4,752

Income and Expense

for the years ending 9/30/2009 and 9/30/2010 and the budget for year ending 9/30/2011

	Budget	FY 2010	FY 2009
Income			
Subscriptions	\$30,500	\$28,241	\$24,442
Advertising revenue	\$6,000	\$6,568	\$7,544
Contributions	\$18,000	\$19,141	\$13,975
IMYM	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
NPYM	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
PYM	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$8,500
Interest income	\$10	\$20	\$98
Book sales	\$5,750	\$10,850	\$1,091
Workshops & honoraria	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$85,260	\$86,820	\$64,650
Expense			
Personnel	\$40,226	\$40,088	\$40,747
Staff travel & meeting registration	\$4,400	\$3,346	\$2,434
Office expenses	\$17,975	\$15,319	\$12,659
Publication expense	\$16,500	\$18,697	\$13,364
Board meetings	\$600	\$472	\$660
Director and officer liability insurance	\$1,000	\$973	\$0
Board outreach travel expense	\$350	\$0	\$0
Total Expense	\$81,051	\$78,895	\$69,864
Income less Expense	\$4,209	\$7,925	\$(5,214)

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Income for the year ending 9/30/2010



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Expenses for the year ending 9/30/2010

