

Founded in 1929 as “Friends Bulletin Corporation,” *Western Friend* exists to serve the unique condition of Friends in the West – a few thousand people dispersed across half a continent and beyond. We rely on Friends’ love of the written word to draw us together across the miles. In 2015, *Western Friend* sought funding for the digitization of our complete magazine archives, going back through 1929. We also conducted a meticulous physical inventory, in preparation for our appointment with the digitizer, who will make these archives available to Friends online in 2016.

Thanks to the generosity of Friends, *Western Friend* continued to strengthen financially in FY 2015, ending the year with net income of \$20,586 and net assets of \$57,351. These results met two of our long-term financial goals. First, we can now afford part-time workers on an on-going basis, for website improvements and content management. Second, we now hold a six-month emergency operating reserve. We will continue to work toward a third financial goal -- raising the executive editor's salary to be in line with an "average" new teacher's salary in a metropolitan area in the West.



Western Friend - FY 2015 Financial Statement

Balance Sheet

Equity	53,595
Liabilities	3,756
Net Assets	57,351

Profit and Loss Statement

Income

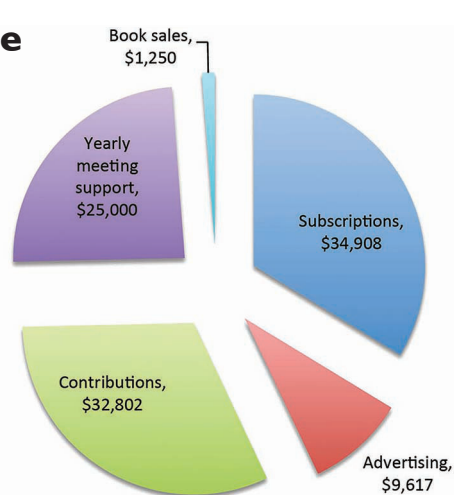
Subscriptions	34,908
Advertising	9,617
Contributions	32,802
Yearly meeting support	25,000
Book sales	1,250
Total Income	103,577

Expenses

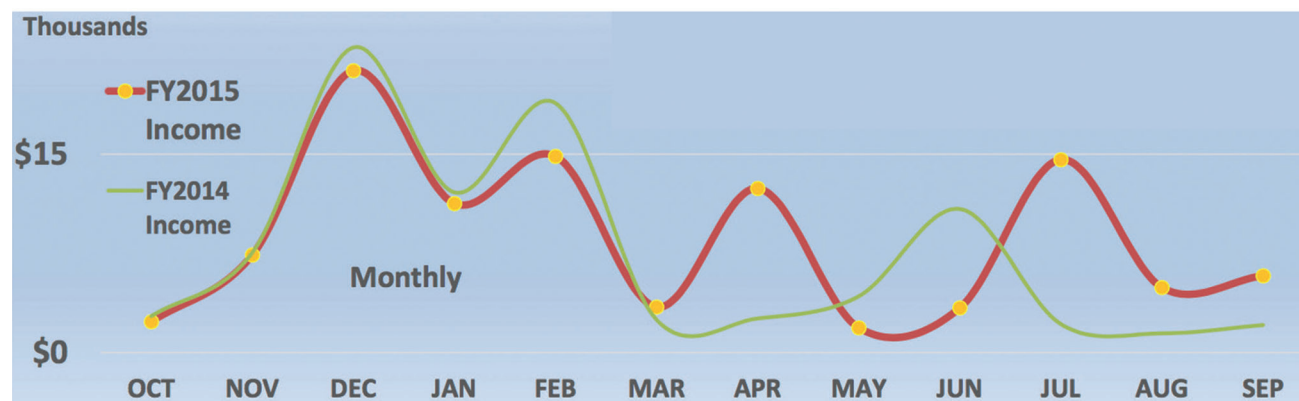
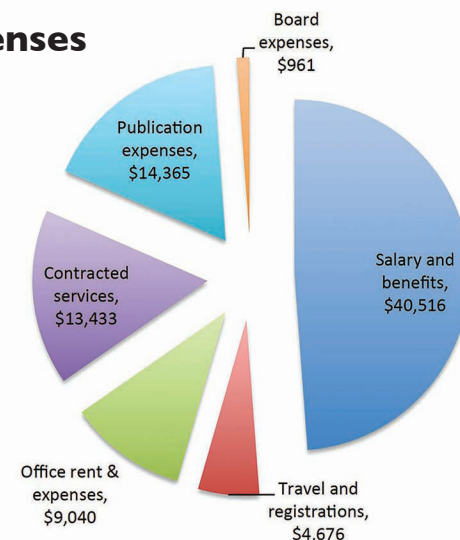
Salary and benefits	40,516
Travel and registrations	4,676
Office rent & expenses	9,040
Contracted services	13,433
Publication expenses	14,365
Board expenses	961
Total expenses	82,991

Net income	20,586
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Income



Expenses



Through magazines, books, online communication, and face-to-face visitation, *Western Friend* builds connections among Friends in the West. In 2015, while continuing to publish thought-provoking articles by western Friends in our magazine, *Western Friend* also began publishing expanded content in the library of our new website. 2015 was our first year to really give this new website a workout – as a repository for articles and other media, as a place online to meet remotely for workshops and worship, and as an expanding directory of Friends and Friends' organizations. And of course, the website remains a place where people can buy our books and our magazine. Partner with us today:

- Send your writing, photos, artwork, music, or videos to *Western Friend*, and we will publish them in our magazine and/or online.
- Become a Western Friend Community Connector – help *Western Friend* help Friends with similar concerns find each other.
- Sponsor discussion groups about articles and topics in *Western Friend* magazine.
- Support *Western Friend* financially.

You can make contributions by check, online, or by donations of stock. Donations to *Western Friend* are tax deductible.



The board of directors of *Western Friend* is drawn from the three yearly meetings that sustain it: Intermountain Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting, and Pacific Yearly Meeting. Each yearly meeting appoints three directors, who serve three-year terms. The board sets direction for the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, provides financial stewardship, and actively participates in building community among Friends in the West. The executive editor is a member of the Religious Society of Friends and is responsible for all editorial, executive, and administrative functions of *Western Friend*.



2015 Board of Directors

Leni Skarin, Clerk (NPYM); Sakre Edson, Assistant Clerk (NPYM); Doug Smith, Interim Treasurer (PYM); Judith Streit, Interim Recorder (IMYM); Jim Anderson (PYM); Alan Mountjoy-Venning (NPYM); Irene Webb (IMYM); Charlene Weir (IMYM); and Mary Klein, Executive Editor (PYM).

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**All truth
is simple
when we
free ourselves
from the
improper bias
of tradition
and education,
which rests as
a burdensome
stone on the
minds of
most of the
children of
man ...**

**- Elias Hicks
(1823)**