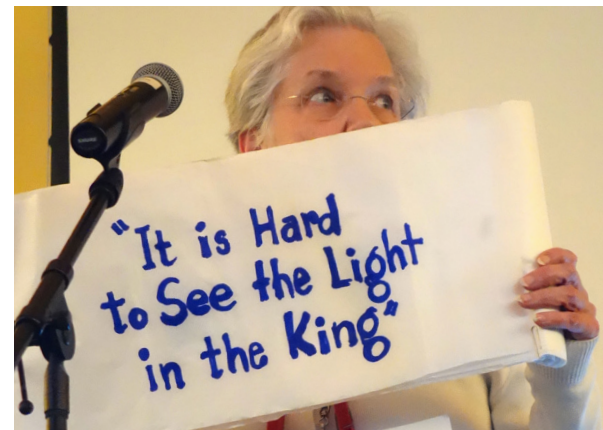


Founded in 1929 as “Friends Bulletin Corporation,” *Western Friend* exists to serve the unique condition of Friends in the West – a few thousand people dispersed over half a continent. With our magazine, books, online publishing, and communication-support services, we help Friends listen to each other, worship together, and deliberate about our current condition. *Western Friend* shines light on moments of continuing revelation and faithful action. Set aside a half hour some time soon to visit our website: westernfriend.org. There’s a lot to explore there!

Thanks to the generosity of Friends, *Western Friend* remained financially strong in FY2017, ending the year with net income of \$10,640 and net assets of \$93,128. Of those assets, we invested \$35,000 in a “reserve” fund with Friends Fiduciary, which gained \$775 in its first year. We continue to expand our budget overall, with the goals of achieving a sustainable “living wage” for our editor / executive director, contracting for the professional services needed in print and online publishing, as well as the services needed to support real-time online communication among Friends.



Western Friend - FY 2017 Financial Statement

Balance Sheet

Equity - Operations	\$51,341
Equity - Reserves (Friends Fiduciary)	\$35,775
Liabilities	\$6,012
Net Assets	\$93,128

Profit and Loss Statement

Income

Subscriptions	\$32,550
Advertising	\$9,043
Contributions - Individuals	\$28,085
Contributions - Monthly Meetings	\$4,146
Yearly meeting support	\$27,500
Book sales	\$3,699
Total Income	\$105,023

Expenses

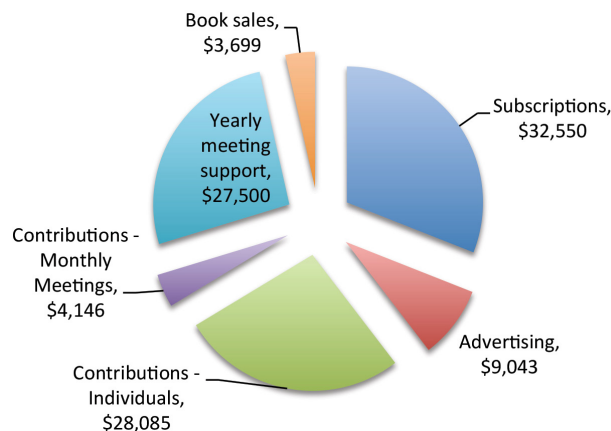
Salary and benefits	\$45,206
Travel and registrations	\$5,644
Office rent & expenses	\$10,627
Contracted services - Administrative	\$5,375
Contracted services - Web	\$9,838
Publication expenses	\$17,448
Board expenses	\$1,020
Total expenses	\$95,158

Net Ordinary income

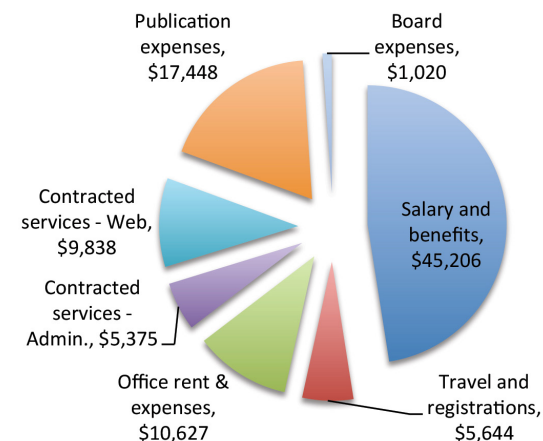
Unrealized gain (Friends Fiduciary)	\$775
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Net income	\$10,640
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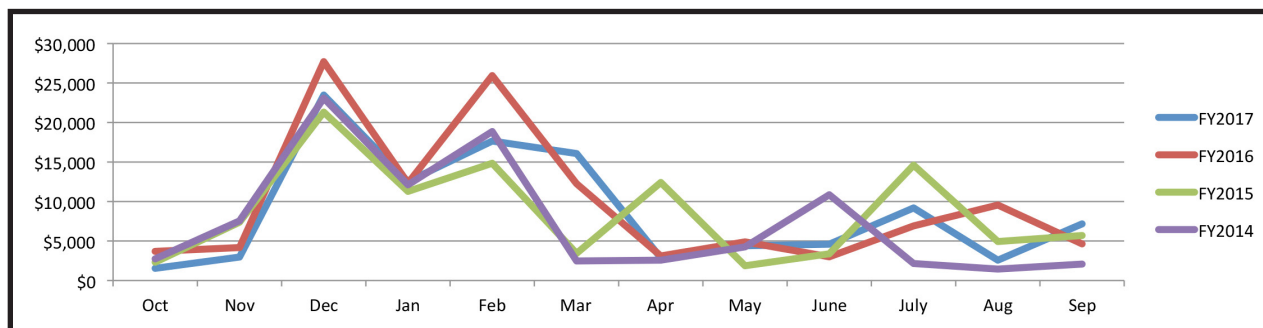
FY2017 Income



FY2017 Expenses



Month-to-month income



Through magazines, books, online content and services, and face-to-face visitation, *Western Friend* builds connections among Friends in the West. In 2017, we published many reflections on Friends' reactions to the year of social turmoil, as well as reflections on other, timeless concerns. We added two new titles to our bookstore: *Being Quaker Where You Are* by Sakre Edson and *Giving Up Something Good for Something Better* by Sisters Alegría and Confianza del Señor. We added a new feature to our magazine – discussion guides – and we continued to expand and streamline the offerings on our website – with a simpler Western Friend Directory, weekly online worship, and occasional online, small-group conversations.

We invite you to become a partner in our work:

- 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. Subscribe!

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 editor / executive director is a member of the Religious Society of Friends and is responsible for all editorial, executive, and administrative functions of *Western Friend*.



Photos, 2017: Friend Jennifer at the School of the Americas Watch Encuentro in Nogales, AZ / Nogales, Mexico; Policing free speech in Tucson, AZ; Skit during family night at NPYM; and Quaker meeting for worship in downtown Palo Alto, CA.

2017 Board of Directors

Diane Pasta, Clerk (NPYM); Sakre Edson, Assistant Clerk (NPYM); Doug Smith, Treasurer (PYM); Jim Anderson, Recording Clerk (PYM); Claire Gorfinkel (PYM); Fred Koster (IMYM), Leni Skarin (NPYM); Sarah Tarver-Wahlquist (IMYM), Charlene Weir (IMYM); and Mary Klein, Executive Editor (PYM).

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We shall not be held back by
the magnitude of the questions
which are to come before us, nor by
the sense of our own unworthiness.

– London Yearly Meeting (1936)