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Summary of Remarks from Chairperson, Sally Hodges

Although it's been an excellent year for Project Ploughshares one does occasionally find oneself thinking, 'Wouldn't it be great if the world didn't need Project Ploughshares?!

Wouldn't it be great if the Government shifted its priorities from military solutions to providing ample funding for diplomacy, conflict transformation skills, and peace education. They'd bring Canada's contributions to the global south up to the benchmark .7% of GDP to help the most vulnerable countries of the world and fast track our efforts to help reach the Millennium Development Goals.

Wouldn't it be great if a nuclear weapon convention took place here in Canada which began a reasonably paced process for nuclear weapon abolition and would remove this sword of Damocles from humanity forever.

Well, I guess none of this has happened quite yet, so we still have a job to do! We can't quit now! Those of us on the planet right now owe it to humanity of the future to strive to move the world in these directions. How did any progress in civilization ever happen anyway? It was through the conviction of people like us, who were determined to honour and work for what is good. So what have we done as a group to contribute our share to this goal?

Without **knowledge** and **understanding** it is impossible to contribute to peace. Since January 2011 Ploughshares has therefore offered 10 public, educational presentations on topics as interesting as the Effectiveness of Peacebuilding in Ugandan Refugee Camps, Non-Killing Global Political Science, and The Achuar and Big Oil in Peru. Two topics, Vandana Shiva on agricultural sustainability, and Dr. Abuelaish on how not to hate, were in partnership with the U of C Consortium for Peace Studies' peace prize program.

We have held two spring workshops, one on Building Trust and Community, with a Sudanese component, in partnership with Initiatives of Change. The 2012 Spring Workshop was entitled, 'Can Peace Be Green? Leaders Chris Turner, Rev. Bill Phipps, and professional mediator Deborah Sword challenged us to face today's greatest problems, those of the environment, with passion and skill. Coming out of this workshop will be some joint work between Ploughshares and Kairos.

Project Ploughshares Calgary Income Statement 2011

INCOME	
Donations – Charities	6,650
Donations – Tax Receiptable	19,675
Donations - Anonymous	253
Bequests – Charlotte Prowse	15,000
Total Donations & Bequests	41,578
Revenue/Other Income	
Peace Fair (net)	5,470
Singing for Peace (net)	806
Entertainment Books (net)	360
Spring Workshop (net)	-392
Miscellaneous Revenue	0
Spolumbo's (net)	1,015
Ten Thousand Villages (net)	369
Sale of Peace Supplies (net)	249
Sale of Peace Puppets	500
Speaker Revenue	30
Interest Income	1,189
Return of Puppets for Peace bank balance	2,386
Total Revenue/Other Income	11,982
TOTAL INCOME	53,560
EXPENSES	
Payroll & Honoraria	21,547
Operating Expenses	
Rent	4,440
Telephone	1,499
Office Supplies	768
Courier/Postage	221
Printing/Newsletter	457
Bank Charges	90
Travel	200
Donations (NZ Peace Studies Ctr)	300
Misc (Adv, Licenses, Spec Events)	242
Total Operating Expenses	8,217
TOTAL EXPENSES	29,764
NET INCOME	23,796

**Project Ploughshares Calgary
Proposed Budget 2012**

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 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 2011	
Opening Balance Peace Pole	51,685
Donations Peace Pole	2,242
Peace Pole Expenses	-51,652
Closing Balance Peace Pole	2,275
Opening Balance Tollefson Funds	5,000
Nuclear Weapons/D. Roche	-779
Closing Balance Tollefson Funds	3,621

Ploughshares' years are punctuated with **other forms of activity** too.

September 21, the International Day of Peace, was well marked last year with music and Dr. Arthur Clark speaking to a crowd at the Peace Pole. Again at the Calgary Community Peace Pole, on November 11 we honoured all those who have died in wars and we contemplated a nonviolent future with speakers Lynn Chatzotsang and Rev Debra Faulk.

We have hosted two volunteer thank you lunches.

In April last year and again in February this year we hosted a volunteer thank you lunch in appreciation of all those who give their time and skills so cheerfully to the work of Project Ploughshares.

Project Ploughshares also has ongoing **projects** such as the Peace Fair.

We continue to have responsibility for the Peace Pole plaza, pushing for signage for it, and for the City of Calgary to take it over for the long term. You can check the peace pole out at calgarypeacepole.org.

We have arranged for Sen. Douglas Roche to speak at the Central Library and visit with Mayor Nenshi, June 28, 2012 to discuss Mayors for Peace, a campaign with more than 5000 mayors world-wide committed to the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Karen Huggins has this year initiated a Calgary Peace Run and Walk to be held September 23. It is hoped that this will ultimately raise many thousands of dollars for three groups – Ploughshares, the Consortium for Peace Studies and cpeace in Sierra Leone, a development group. A hundred volunteers are needed to help and we need everyone in Ploughshares to help find participants and to sponsor individuals. We are expecting a flashmob peace event to take place in Calgary during the Stampede to raise awareness of the Peace Run.

I have really positive news about our **finances** this past year. We were the grateful recipients of not only a donation from the Federation of Russian Canadians and an individual's \$5000 donation, but also of a very helpful bequest from Charlotte Prowse. We have been allowed by the national group to keep on hand for emergencies, rather than have to add it to our small bequest portfolio at the Mennonite Fund through our national office. This has taken the stress out of the monthly running of the group, and allowed us to become more creative. We are still reliant of course on the annual generosity of our members. Springtime is the time when we expect annual donations. If you have not donated this year yet, this is a good time to do it.

I would like to thank the more than 50 people who have ordered Spolumbos sausages, some for a second time. We are phasing out our annual Singing for Peace concert, but bringing in Simple Simon pies that will be available at the

Peace Fair.

In other financial news, we are now running the group at about \$2500 a month. We are also working on having a donation button on our website. We are still grateful to the five people who have a monthly donation automatically transferred into the Ploughshares account and invite others to follow suit, giving us added stability. We would like to acknowledge Dr. Arthur Clark paying for a new computer for the office last year and Garry Fry for generously providing a new printer and the services of an expert to launch it all.

All of this work would not have happened without some **very special people**. First of all we are blessed with an extraordinary Program Director who seems to live and breathe Project Ploughshares. We sincerely thank Karen Huggins for her vision and leadership and for being the powerhouse behind all our programs since January 2011.

I would like to recognize again the very generous contribution of time and skill that our bookkeeper, Joan Hedstrom, gives almost every week. Treasurer Carl Svoboda does background research and checks out our cash flow each month. Tracey Braun types the minutes while we conduct the executive meetings. Niki Fehr chaired our Spring Workshop committee and has twice created posters. Bev DeLong continues to report to us about her work with the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, a very important component of what we do. Lena Osman helps us with the spring workshop and other committees. Sarah Khan takes a role in many activities and brings a passion for action. Sandra Hoenle is our link to the Consortium for Peace Studies. Jean Tollefson is on the 30th Anniversary committee, and provides wisdom and experience. Laurels and big thanks to each of these Executive members.

We need to **celebrate** Ploughshares Calgary's 30th together on Friday October 12, at a dinner at the Danish Canadian Club. One of our two founders, Ernie Regehr will give the keynote address and will also share more of his ongoing insights on war and peace, the next day, in an exciting workshop. Mark your calendars.

Robert Koehler, a Chicago based journalist, commented on the reaction of the Norwegian people to the horror of the massacre perpetrated in that country last year. He said, '...Something the headlines can't capture seems to be going on in this small country, some determination among the people, above and beyond any political agenda, to stand – though wounded, though shattered by grief – for their highest values.' This coming year, let us not wait for a tragedy to do our best to live by our highest values. Peace needs us and we, very much, need Peace.

2011 at a Glance

- February -** Peace and Consumerism and its impacts
- April -** Word from Africa: the Effectiveness of Peacebuilding in Refugee Camps
Jean Beliveau – Walker for Peace
- May -** How We Stopped Loving the Bomb with the Hon Douglas Roche, O.C.
Moving from Fear to Trust: Building Compassion and Community
Film Night: The Day After Peace
- June –** Non-Killing Global Political Science
Vigil for the Japanese at the Calgary Community Peace Pole
- September –** International Day of Peace Celebration with Dr. Arthur Clark
- October –** What IS Peace Education Anyway?
Singing for Peace with Barry Luft and Louise Forsyth
- November –** Holiday Peace Fair

Upcoming Ploughshares Events for 2012

- September 23 –** Calgary Peace Run – starting at Eau Claire Market
- October 12 –** Project Ploughshares 30th Anniversary Dinner
- October 13 --** Workshop with Ernie Regehr
- November 3 –** Annual Peace Fair at St. David's United Church
- November 7 -** Refusing to be Enemies – Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta
- November 11 –** Remembrance Day - TBA