

Secretary's Report to EC 07/19/2008 to be held at the Tampa Meeting House

This report describes activities that have taken place since YBM-2008.

General office activities following WIBM-2008:

Routine office work continues, albeit, at a slower pace than before Yearly Meeting for which I am thankful. Thanks again to those of you who are using the 321.729.0078 line for voice during regular business hours.

Financial/Bookkeeping:

The books have not yet been closed for fiscal year 2007-2008. I am waiting for Neil to review a discrepancy of \$1875 (in our favor) that occurred in the QBP records during an upgrade-patch last summer.

The YBM-Gathering's expenses were greater than income. Funds to cover the shortfall have been transferred from the General Fund in the amount of \$2446.01 to cover this shortage.

Consequently the General Fund came in at (-)\$5633.92. This figure does not include the \$5300 check written to reserve the LEC site for YBM-2009.

A bright financial spot for last fiscal year is that Publications earned \$2495.69 over expenses, and to date for this fiscal year, have received \$492.97 which will help cover printing costs for the two pamphlets to be printed this summer.

The Clerk of Finance and Treasurer will go into greater detail.

Publications (Print and Electronic):

The Directory 2008-2009 has been printed and bulk mailed. The newsletter, delayed for numerous reasons, is now nearly at press. The booklets/pamphlets will be printed this summer and available at FIBM.

Website:

The <www.seym.org> website is current with organizational details. The Peace and Social Concerns web pages are updated by Michael Shell who continues to do an outstanding job. Please avail yourselves of this wealth of information available on line. Please consider that you have access to the SEYM office files at all times from the archives pages and to our corporate conscience through the Peace and Social Concerns committee's pages.

New Concerns:

- Concern continues over SEYM's financial status.
- Concern continues for wider recognition within SEYM regarding the worldwide contribution to international service that several Quaker organizations offer, namely: Friends Peace Teams, AFSC, FWCC, ProNica, and QUIP (Quakers Uniting in Publications). All of these service-oriented organizations deserve wider recognition for the efforts they expend on behalf of Quakers of all persuasions.
- No other new concerns.

Other related information:

I have found myself functioning as the Quaker representative to numerous local peace and social activities. This is both personally positive and demanding. I am grateful for the slower pace of the summer.

Respectfully submitted by Lyn Cope, 07/19/2008