

A photograph of the Arch Street Meeting House, a large red brick building with a grey metal roof and white window frames. In the foreground, there is a brick wall with a black metal gate and a person walking. The image is partially obscured by a large red diagonal shape on the right side.

Arch Street
MEETING HOUSE

PRESERVATION TRUST

Annual Report

Fiscal Year
October 1st, 2021 -
September 30th, 2022



VISION

Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust preserves, operates and interprets the meetinghouse and grounds which will serve to increase public understanding of the impact and continued relevance of Quakers and Quaker history.



MISSION

Arch Street Meeting House will be the preeminent destination for experiencing and learning about Quakers' unique contributions to society throughout history



Arch Street MEETING HOUSE

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 Stefan Williams - Maintenance Coordinator

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From the Clerk of the Board of Trustees

This annual report looks back at the fiscal year, October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022, a significant year for the Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust. The Trust takes seriously our stewardship of the meeting house and grounds, a National Historic Landmark and one of the most visited Quaker sites in the world. This report includes many highlights of this past year, accomplished by our dynamic Executive Director, Sean Connolly, the dedicated staff, and our loyal volunteers.

Most of what is described here could not have happened without support from you, our donors, including individuals, companies, and granting organizations. We are most grateful for your interest and shared sense of purpose. With a return of school field trips, the Trust focused on its Educational Improvement Organization designation, which allows the Trust to receive Commonwealth of Pennsylvania tax credits through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. Corporate donations through this program will fund field trips for Philadelphia Public School students to learn about Pennsylvania and United States history and experience the simplicity and beauty of the meeting house space.

The Board of Trustees suffered two big losses during the fiscal year 2021-2022. Pru Haines, Clerk of the Public Programs Committee, and Paul Laskow, Board Secretary, both passed away. They were committed to the mission of the Trust. We sorely miss them. Alan Crosman, Ben Suplick, and Jonathan Sprogell rotated off the board this past year. We are grateful for their years of faithful service.

Two new board members were added during the fiscal year: Janet Braker and Phil Cooke. At our Annual Meeting this November, the Trust added four new board members: Hazele Goodridge, George McNeely, David Unkovic, and David Wickard. All bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for our work. If you haven't already, I hope you will have the opportunity to meet them soon.

Our current fiscal year, 2022-23, promises to be engaging as we begin a capital campaign to add a fire suppression system, replace an inefficient heating and cooling system and update the interior exhibits over the next few years. We look forward to sharing updates about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to address important preservation and exhibit projects over the coming years.

Please come to see the new outdoor exhibits and the mural in the parking lot, attend some of our programs, and tour the building. We welcome your frequent visits!



Lisa Ogletree
Clerk, ASMHPT Board of Trustees

YEAR IN REVIEW

Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Thank you for your continued support of the Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust. Your support helped make 2022 one of the most exciting years for Arch Street Meeting House and allowed for amazing successes, program expansion, and assistance of our initiatives throughout Old City, Philadelphia.

Due to support from many individuals and granting organizations, by far the most exciting program update in the last twenty years was made possible! Staff and the Ad Hoc Exhibit Design Committee oversaw the final elements of the design of the new outside exhibits, they were installed on the grounds in May of 2022. They had the immediate effect of increasing visitation. Due to these new ways to engage with visitors on our burial ground wall and throughout the grounds, visitors entered Arch Street Meeting House with a more nuanced understanding of Quakers. Visitors also delighted our staff and volunteers with questions born out of the outside exhibit experience.

While Covid continues to prove a challenge for many organizations we also had great successes with programs this year. Arch Street Meeting House hosted a variety of in-person and virtual programs and hosted well over one hundred rentals or community partnerships. This important work kept staff exceptionally busy and allowed for us to engage with new audiences and stakeholders.

ASMHTPT also worked to finalize a Historic Structures Report which examines the preservation and program needs of the meetinghouse. Along with Partners for Sacred Places we conducted a Feasibility Study to evaluate how a capital campaign will be used to raise funds to safeguard the meetinghouse for a generation to come. As a result of that study, we are looking forward to addressing much needed preservation work over the next five years.

All of this would not have been possible without your continued support of our mission. Your generosity continues to help us spread the word about Quakerism, Arch Street Meeting House and Quaker history. I hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming programs and until then thank you for making this past year a huge success.



Sean Connolly
Executive Director, Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust

Fiscal Year 2021 - 22 Accomplishments



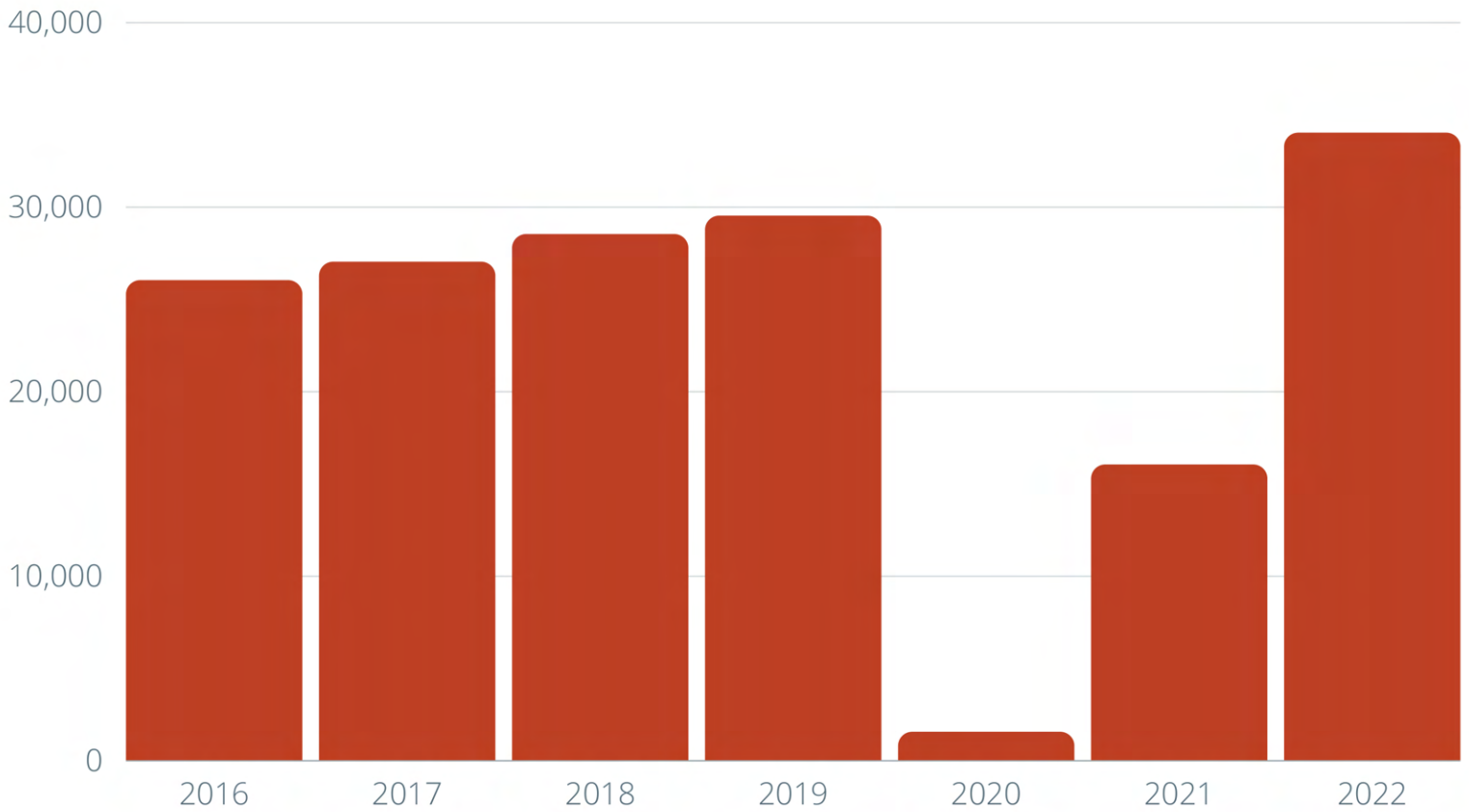
New **Outside Exhibits** were installed at Arch Street Meeting House which has proved hugely successful in drawing in new visitors and tourists with support from the **Shoemaker Fund, the Tyson Memorial Fund, the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia (MMFP), a \$35,000 bequest,** and contributions from many of our supporters across Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and beyond.

We concluded updating our **Historic Structures Report (HSR)** which helped lay out the major preservation projects and improvements we need to accomplish in the next several years. We started that process by beginning the **engineering** for updating the **boiler and HVAC systems** and for installing a **fire suppression system** to protect the meetinghouse.

Public programs and visitors returned to Arch Street Meeting House in force this summer. All told we had close to **34,000 visitors**, our best year on record, and engaged with thousands of students. Arch Street Meeting House hosted our annual Holiday event Meetinghouse by Candlelight, as well as an exhibit unveiling, several hugely popular movie nights, a variety of Quaker-themed walking tours, and educational family programs and lectures. We also worked with Frankford Friends School on designs for a social justice mural entitled *In the Palm of Your Hand* that was installed in October. All told, this was a hugely successful program year at Arch Street Meeting House.

The Board of Trustees engaged in important work regarding our relationship with the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM). A new **Shared Services Agreement** with PYM was signed which allows ASMHPT to operate more effectively and attract new grant and program funding, while at the same time helping PYM become more financially independent from Arch Street Meeting House. The Board of Trustees also appointed many new board members and worked on improving the By-Laws. The Board of Trustees and the Executive Director continue to explore grants and celebrate the amazing successes of this year, including being awarded **\$150,000.00 from the National Fund for Sacred Places**, the most competitive grant for historic houses of worship in the United States. And **\$150,000.00 from the SNAVE Foundation** to help us conduct our upcoming capital campaign. Other funding successes this year include large grants including **the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) and the Philadelphia Cultural Fund** and continued growth from individuals to our Annual Fund.



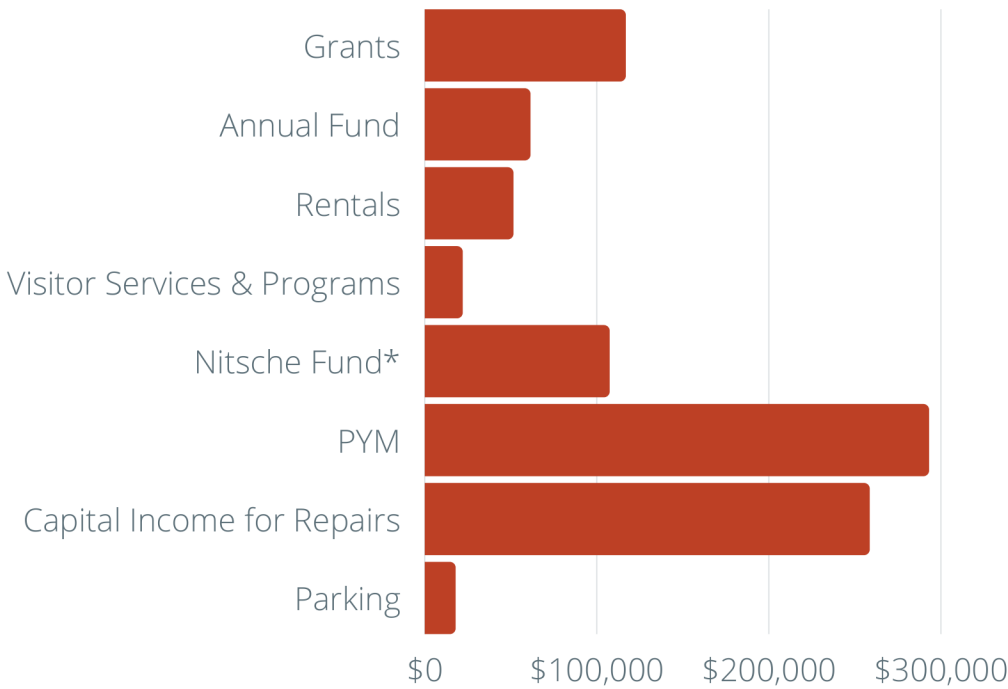


Visitation

As a result of the new outdoor exhibits and increased program engagement, Arch Street Meeting House (ASMH) had one of the best visitation years on record. In fact, our total visitation numbers buck the trend of most other historic sites and museums, as a recent evaluation by Visit Philadelphia® showed an overall dip in visitation across the city.

Although visitation remained high, this year did not have a huge rebound in school tours. Pre-covid our field trip program made up approximately half of our total visitation, but we hope that 2023 will continue the upward trend in visitation and bring students and educators back to ASMH.





**Income from a bequest for maintenance*

REVENUE

Income came in high this year with the assistance of new grant funders and a complete rebound in rental and visitor services revenue – even with a loss in large field trips, we still saw healthy growth in tourist revenue.

Some large grants, including SNAVE and the National Fund for Sacred Places, were awarded this fiscal year but income from those sources will be counted as revenue in future fiscal years as they will be spread over long-term projects.

GRANTS THIS YEAR

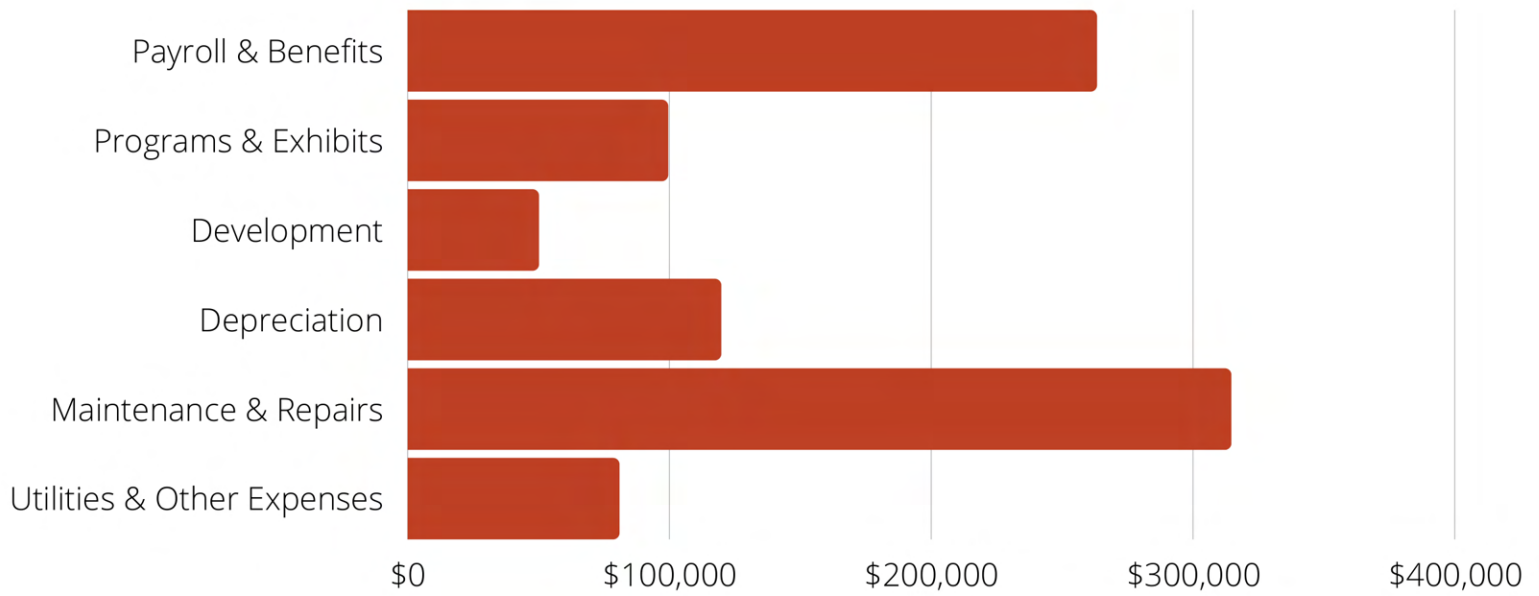
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 General Society of Colonial Wars
 International Coalition of Sites of Conscience
 Jonathan E. Rhoads Trust
 Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania
 National Fund for Sacred Places
 Newtown Monthly Meeting

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
 Commission (PHMC)
 Philadelphia Cultural Fund
 SNAVE Foundation
 Society of Colonial Wars in the
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

EXPENSES

Expenses, like income, remained high this year. Material costs for maintenance remained considerably high due to shipping delays and shortages in raw materials, and gas expenses doubled as a result of rising prices and the failure of our exceptionally old heating system.

An additional expense was the completion of the new outdoor exhibits. We received amazing support from grant funders and individual donors in 2020-2021, those fund balances allowed the project to be completed in Spring 2022.

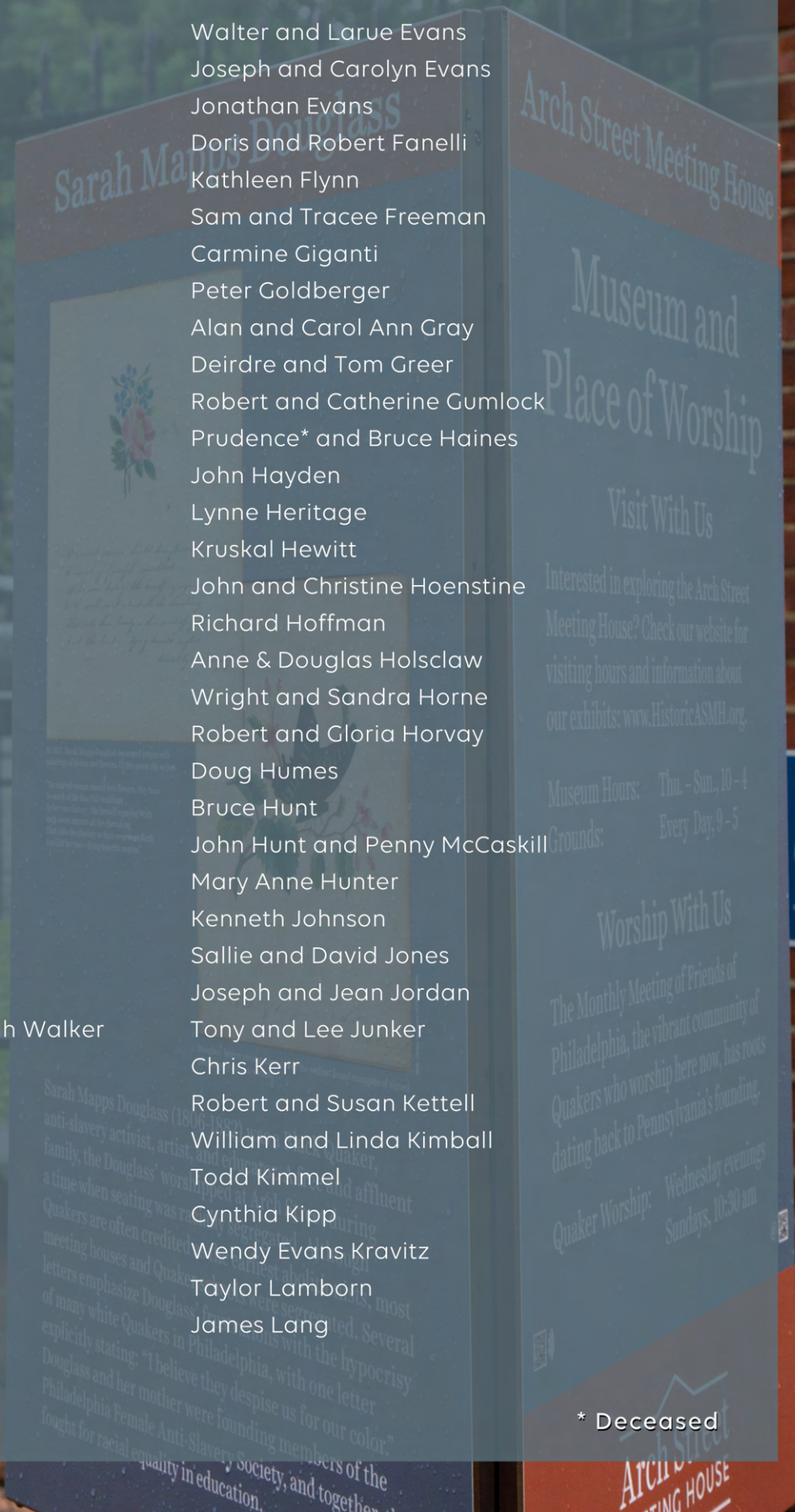


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