



# Milwaukee Peace Corps Association Annual Report 2022





# Our Mission

MPCA is a community of former and future Peace Corps Volunteers and families who continue to promote Peace Corps ideals through cultural education and the support of both local and international development organizations. It also provides social activities and emotional support for RPCVs and for those returning from abroad.

Organization Founded: 1968

30 members at the end of 2022

Website: [www.milwaukeepeacecorps.org](http://www.milwaukeepeacecorps.org)

# Dear MPCV Community,

2022 has been a year of great change for MPCA. We have transitioned leadership from In-Jee Lee to Peter Hulbert as the new President. We have also seen the transition of 3 board members. We are very grateful for their service to MPCA. We have also 2 board members and are looking to recruit more in 2023.

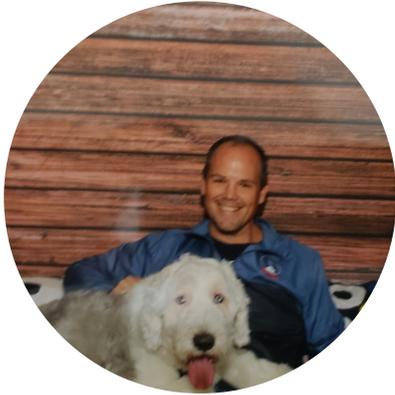
With the advancements of vaccines we have been able to move back to being in person for our events. We have tried to bring back many of our regular past events such as the annual potluck, summer picnic, and story slam. With each event we have seen more and more people returning. We are elated to be back socializing in person and welcoming people back.

While Peace Corps volunteers restart sites and return to service; we are also reflecting on where we stand as an organization. We know it will be at least a year before we start to see large numbers of RPCVs returning from service. These unique circumstances have led us to survey our RPCV base to see what you are looking for from MPCA as an organization. From the survey it is clear our members are looking to continue socializing which has always been an important part of our organization. We will look to continue to provide those opportunities throughout the year. We will also be focusing on giving back by providing volunteering and third goal opportunities.

While the faces of the board change year to year, one thing remains the same of MPCA serving RPCVs, and growing the reach and exposure of Peace Corps to the greater Milwaukee Community.

Peter Hulbert  
MPCA President  
Dominican Republic 2012-2014

# MPCA Board of Directors



Peter Hulbert  
*President*

*Dominican Republic 12-14*



Anne Leplae  
*Treasurer*

*Morocco 84-86*



Claire Hackett  
*Newsletter*

*South Africa 15-17*



Jacob Foss  
*Outreach*

*Ghana 15-17*



Robin Perez  
*Communications*

*Zambia 15-17*

Paul Kinsley  
*Historian*

*Turkey 65-67*

## Outgoing Chairs

In-Jee Lee- President  
Julia Smucker- Secretary  
Senju Rajan- Outreach  
Connie Ross- Events

## Communication

MPCA communicates with our members through multiple avenues. Our main way we communicate is through our email newsletter. Last year we sent our 21 different newsletters to promote events and opportunities. Make sure you are subscribed to stay informed.

Did you know that MPCA is on social media? Make sure to follow our facebook, Instagram, and our Linked In pages! We love to highlight our members, promote businesses, jobs, or other activities to support the MPCA community on our social media. Feel free to message us if you have an event, local business, or member you would like us to highlight.

## EVENTS

### Holiday Potluck

We held our Holiday Potluck on December 14 2021. A few dozen members enjoyed a wonderful evening of food and conversation at the home of Ken Leinbach around a bonfire in the yard overlooking the river. This event also serves as the MPCA's annual meeting when the board gives a brief update on the organization to members. RPCVs from most of the Peace Corps decades were present, as well as a couple of young men who had recently arrived from Afghanistan.

## Summer Picnic

On July 30 we held our summer picnic. A couple dozen MPCA members, and some pets, gathered in Lake Park to take advantage of a pleasant summer afternoon. RPCVs from many decades shared Peace Corps stories, dined on the international dishes from the buffet, and shopped at the MPCA merchandise table.



## Story Slam

On a warm evening in June, for the second year in a row, Walker's Pint hosted our MPCA Story Slam. This year's theme was "Silver Linings". The event was well attended and we heard some great stories and share many laughs. It is always amazing to hear the impacts of everyone's service. We look forward to hearing more stories again in Summer 2023!

## Holiday Folk Fair

MPCA returned to the annual Holiday Folk Fair where we had a table for the 3 days of the event. Friday morning and afternoon were dedicated to school groups. Friday night through Sunday was open to the public. The Folk Fair was a chance for us to engage with the Milwaukee community and share our Peace Corps experience. Throughout the weekend we had many great conversations, and ran into other RPCVs. It was great to get back out into the community and share our experiences.



## Thursday Happy Hours

MPCA started a monthly Thursday happy hour this summer to try to get RPCVs back out and together to socialize again. While the weather was nice we visited many of the great beer gardens throughout the city. We plan to continue these events in 2023 so be on the lookout for the next bar we will hold our happy hour.

## Food Bank Volunteering

MPCA held a volunteering event at Friedens Food Pantry on the south side. It was a very well run operation and some RPCVs were able to make use of their Spanish language skills from service. We were able to help a lot of people get groceries and had a good time while volunteering. We hope to do more service events in 2023.

## Finances

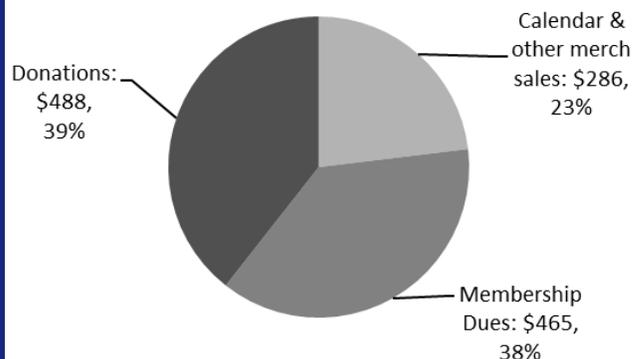
### Balance Sheet:

November 30, 2022: \$4,719

Income:  
\$1,239

Calendar & other merch sales  
286  
Membership Dues  
465  
Donations  
488

### Income: \$1,239



## Expenses:

\$1,156

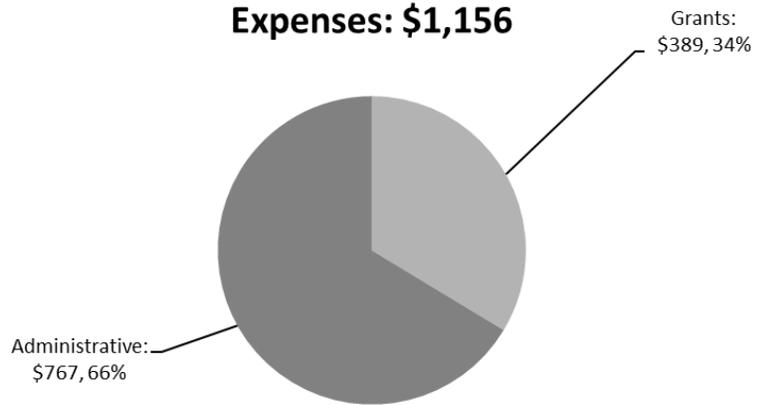
Grants

389

Administrative

767

## Expenses: \$1,156



## Thank you to our members!

Douglas Armstrong  
Dzidra Benish  
Kyle Borley  
Phillip Browarsky  
Mark Buccowich  
Anne Chapman  
Ann Diliberti  
Dan Diliberti  
Gerald Emmerich, Jr.  
Anneliese Finke  
Peter Hulbert  
In-Jee Lee  
Jodi Lemmer  
Anne Leplae  
Elaine McDermott

Ryan McRoberts  
Annette Mertens  
Suzy Michaels  
M. Jane Moore  
Richard Muirhead  
Gerald Mullins  
Thomas Nawrot  
Dennis Neuenfeldt  
Steve Pamperin  
Emily Rabe  
Robert Richardson  
Sharon Richardson  
Connie Ross  
Richard Traner  
Joe Zingsheim

