

Report to New York Yearly Meeting by Powell House Co-Executive Directors

At this point, we are just over 120 days into our tenure as Co-Executive Directors. One can mark our time of transition by quite a number of “firsts”; the first weekend we hosted, the first time Regina signed checks, the first trip for supplies at BJ’s Wholesale, the first time Dennis started the Massie Ferguson tractor...In balancing between knowing almost nothing and learning quite a lot, surely there have been and will be oversights and mistakes. But our bottom line continues to be the sense of joy, satisfaction and completeness that this position brings to us. Of course, those basic questions that one employs at the beginning of a time of a new experience have been very important! “Who”, “what”, “where”, “when”, “why”, and “how” have been asked and answered A BUNCH of times concerning everything and anything about Powell House.

We’ve had a busy, challenging stretch: dealing with a water system issue, filling 2 important staff positions, decisions about cancelling a couple of events due to low subscription, balancing the input and output of our financial resources, working to renovate Knoll House are just a few of the daily matters that have occupied us.

We are also delighted by the hard work of staff as they help bring us “up to speed”, the initiation of several conversations that have resulted in more anticipated use of PoHo by rental groups, and the beauty of the changing of the seasons on this property.

It’s been a delightful revelation to begin to understand the unique qualities and attributes that comprise every retreat or conference at Powell House. Each distinctive mix of attendees, facilitators, topic and staff brings their own special energy and presence to this place. As the event unfolds, we get to observe and participate, as Light and love and grace interact with the group and the individuals in the group, to produce amazing results, outcomes, and new life. Powell House both births these gatherings, and then becomes the grateful recipient of what is created. So much good goes from here out into the world to affect positive change. To be a part of this is a special privilege. Thank you for what you each give to our beloved community. We are so, so grateful!!

Dennis will highlight a number of things we’ve learned, what PoHo needs, what we plan for PoHo, and what we hope for the future, in our “Top 10 Lists” presentation to the body at Fall Sessions. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Baird Haag and Dennis Haag