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Meeting of staff and steering committee Sept. 9 at the USSF office

Attending: Paul Lauter, Grace Paley, Bell Chevigny, Una Claffey, Norm Fruchter, Andy Himes, Sillem Atherton, Hilary Hunter.

The meeting began with a relaxed discussion of past projects, the current focus of Resist and actions that might be initiated. Paul talked about the possibilities of working with the people involved in the Redress actions on a series of actions around South Vietnamese institutions in this country. He said he would contact Tom Davids and we could pursue it from there. Grace had just come from meeting with the families of the P.O.W's about to be released in Hanoi and discussed their reaction and the logistics of Cora Weiss and David Delinger's visit to Vietnam. Staff brought up the response to the inter project memo which has been slow and asked that people who know of any other projects, that it should go to, should let us know. Denise and Mitch's list have been found and the letters will go out this week.

Financial Report: Total income for the month actually two month period was $8087.96 with total disbursements of $6775.34. Present balance as of Sept. 7, $2099.71, projected encumbrances of $2570.00 leaving us 2500.00 for grants. A couple of bonuses for this period were a check for $2000.00 from Katherine Tremaine and an anonymous 3 shares of IBM stock from the Crocker Citizens National Bank. Each share worth approx. $402.00

Grants:
Law Offices, Pittsburgh, Pa. denied
Jackson Human Rights Project, Jackson, Miss. $250 for two months
American Documentary Films postponed
Kansas City 4 Defense Committee, Missouri postponed, Wendy will see them also we send them a referral
Charleston Community Project, S.C. $235 for 3 months
Family Voice, Elmhurst, NY denied
Committee for the Support of Puerto Rican Migrants, Hartford, Conn. denied
VVAW Tuscaloosa, Alabama $200
Selma Project Tuscaloosa, Alabama denied and referred to elsewhere
Steilacoom Prisoners Support House Steilacoom, Washington Postponed and referred
Nguyen Fang Huyen Cambridge, Mass. denied and referred
Press Collective Washington, D.C. denied
Hope Center Tucson Ariz. $100
Input Milwaukee, Wisc. Denied
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Karl Armstrong Defense Committee Madison, Wisc. postponed and referred
VVAW dayton, Ohio postponed
Ujamaa St. Petersburg, Florida $300 and $200 consecutively for two months
Shelter Half Tacoma Wash. $100 to Janet Mc Cloud for her book
The Jackson Organization Chicago, Ill. postponed
Worcester Womens Center Mass. $125 for two months
West Chicago Workers Center Chicago, Ill. $300, $200, $200 in three months time
New Wave Corp. Columbia, Missouri denied
San Antonio Women for Peace San Antonio, Texas $25
Inter Communal Survival Committee Chicago, Ill. denied

Next Meeting:
In Cambridge on Oct. 14 at eleven oclock with a party following the meeting.
The following meeting will be on Nov. the 11 in New York. We will notify you latter as to the place of the meetings.
September 1, 1972

Dear Folks--

There will be a meeting of the RESIST staff and Steering Committee on September 9th (Saturday) at the USSF office in New York.

We have enclosed summaries of the requests to be considered at this meeting. This is a new policy to help you familiarize yourselves with the requests before the meeting so that you can do any research on them that you might want to do.

*****Because everyone (or almost everyone) has a primary commitment to a project other than RESIST, we thought it would be a good idea for one or two people to be able to talk at some length on their project (and consequently on the politics that it implies) at each S.C. Meeting. Hopefully, we can all benefit from each other's experiences and understand more accurately where people are and where they're coming from. Staff will set up a rotation and contact those who will speak before each meeting. (Before meaning a few days to a week before the meeting).*****

REMEMBER-----STAFF AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 11 A.M.
AT THE U.S.S.F. OFFICE, 44 GREENWICH AVE., NEW YORK.

COME ONE--COME ALL

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Balance as of July 7, 1972 $792.98

Income for the month

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Total income for the month was 8087.96
(The large misc. entry results from a bookkeeping error in which 5 days deposits were entered for the wrong account. The amount was transferred to the right account on 8/23 and entered as misc.)

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Present Balance as of Sept. 7, 1972 2099.71

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Total encumbrances for the month 2570.00

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23. The Jackson Organization (request held over 1 month) Salt of the Earth Press, Chicago, Illinois. Asking for initial cash of $400, $150 for paper, ink, solvents, etc., and $250 more for a used platemaker; plus 3 monthly allotments of $160 for rent, electricity, and telephone. They are establishing an independent printing operation, to provide cheap, at-cost printing for movement groups. Due to the disbanding of the J.S. Gordon Print Coop. there is a need for movement printing in the Chicago area.

25. West Chicago Workers Center, Chicago, Ill... request for funds to help establish center. Need money for rent and office equipment. They plan to use the center for a meeting place, for planning community activities, produce leaflets and newspaper, place to show films, place to obtain radical literature, place for workers to get information about workman's compensation, unemployment, the draft, and military counseling. (request held over 1 month so Frank could check it out)

26. New Wave Corporation, Columbia, Missouri... need money to start a 10 watt FM educational radio station. Must show the FCC that have enough money to sustain the station for a year, so they need a total of $3000. They consider themselves a counter-culture organization and are trying to bring about fundamental changes in the political and social realm.

27. San Antonio Women for Peace, San Antonio, Texas. Draft and military counseling office. They are located in an area ringed with Air Force bases. Women originally got together when the military recruiters from surrounding bases came to local high schools to do their thing and a group of mothers demanded equal time to discuss the alternatives to military service in the schools.

28. Intercommunal Survival Committee, Chicago, Ill... Group of white people working directly with the Black Panther PARTY implementing survival programs in the oppressed white community. Have organized a free health clinic, two free breakfast programs for children, free pest extermination program, welfare and legal counseling, liberation schools, and the Fred Hampton-Hark Clark People's Free Food and Clothing Program, and their newspaper. They are asking for anything toward the Uptown People's Survival Conference to End Police Brutality and Establish Community Control; at the conference they will be distributing 3,000 full bags of groceries.