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Steering Committee Meeting
Hilda Hein's House in Newton
12/17/72

--A discussion was held about the state of office finances. It was noted that declining income and rising office expenses had resulted in a smaller proportion of money being given out in grants. It was decided that at the next Steering Committee meeting we will talk about what should happen in Resist - in terms of finances, staff, fundraising, political programs, how to relate to organizing projects, etc.

--A meeting of Boston people--ex-staff, area people, SC people--will be held on January 4 to talk about the office, and to try to get Boston people more involved in its doings.

--The staff report -

Mass mailings going out now or in the past month--Pentagon Papers, Denise Levetov's poems, McGovern contributors, former Resist contributors;
Mass mailings planned for the next month or so--the second half of the Pentagon Papers list, War Resisters League list, swap with Medical Aid for Indochina. (If anybody knows of a list we should use, please tell us about it.)
Kevin Shafer is working in the office temporarily until Una returns from Ireland in mid-to-late January.

Grants

1. National friends of the United Front, St. Louis--denied
2. Prison Law Project, Oakland, Calif., denied
3. Union Women's Alliance to gain equality, Berkeley--\$200, \$100
4. Fayetteville Coordinating Comm.--\$200 loan
5. Puerto Rican Socialist Party, New England--\$1000 Zevin money
6. Vermont Prison Collective--denied
7. First Realty Coalition of Tenant's Unions--\$300, \$200, \$100
8. INFO, Women's Information Center, Syracuse--\$50
9. Atlanta Workshop in Non-Violence--Hank Rosemont sending them the books they need
10. Prisoner's Survival Center, Cambridge--\$100
11. Philadelphia Resistance, German military project--\$500
12. Feminist History Research Project, Venice, Calif.--denied
13. Black Study Group, Archer, Calif.--denied
14. Committee for Puerto Rican Decolonization--\$75
15. Minnesota Connections--denied
16. The Society of Creative Concern, Roxbury--denied
17. Afro-American Cultural Foundation, White Plains--denied
18. Philadelphia Workers Organizing Committee--pending
19. Roxbury War Tax Scholarship Fund--denied
20. Cambridge Tenant Organizing Committee--\$500 grant, \$500 loan
21. Motor City Labor League--\$700
22. Cairo United Front--\$300

The next SC meeting will be held in New York on January 27 at 12 noon, perhaps at 339 Lafayette St. We can tell you more later.

Blessings upon you all.

PS In a couple of weeks you will get a couple of proposals in the mail about the future of the organization which people have been working on.

RESIST FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 14, 1972

Balance as of November 10, 1972 656.51

Income for the month

Pledges 2981.35
Contributions 669.08
Security kit 7.00
high school kit 2.00
Subscriptions 22.00
Mass Mailing 482.50
Misc. , IBM 1155.65

Total Income for the month was 5319.58

Disbursement for the month

Taxes 228.80
Payroll 929.29
Grants 1590.00
Postage 405.00
Printing 268.15
Maintenance ^{Rent, Printing} _{tel.} 601.36
Travel and P.O. 220.00
Misc. _{sal.} -695.00

1,400
4937.60
1590.00
3347.60

Total disbursements for the month 4937.60

Present balance as of December 14 1033.50

The encumbrances for the month are

taxes 150.00
Rent 130.00
Payroll 1000.00
Postage 500.00
Travel 200.00
Printing 300.00
Continuing Grants 0.00
Telephone 100.00

Total encumbrances for the month 2380.00

Our present balance plus projected income minus expenses gives us approximately \$2200 to grant at this meeting. Income for last month includes \$1132.55 from the sale of our IBM stock. In addition to the \$2200 of our own money available for grants, we have \$4250.00 remaining of the \$6000.00 granted anonymously to us through Bob Zevin. The grants we make from Zevin's \$6,000 pool must be at least \$500 each.

(Note about the Pentagon Papers mass mailing: Expenses through Dec. 14: \$274.90
Income through Dec. 14: \$474.50
Proceeds: \$199.60)

Rundine Request - December 17, 1972

- ✓ 1. National Friends of the United Front, St. Louis - Established for over a year to organize support for Cairo in the St. Louis area and communicate on a national level what has been happening in Cairo. They have run clothing drives, set up workshops and coffeehouses; last summer organized a sit in at St. Louis Workhouse in support of demands by brothers confined there. They are asking for \$152 for past bills and would like anything toward their monthly budget of \$341.
\$300 to Cairo
- ✓ 2. Prison Law Project, Oakland, Ca. - They want \$750 for Edree Allen, their parole project person who wants to further her competence in the urban black field. Sources are \$400 and she would need \$300 for a car. The project provides legal services to inmates and also serves as a referral and information service.
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- ✓ 3. Union Women's Alliance to Gain Equality, Berkeley, Ca. - Asking for \$300 to continue publication of their 8 page paper and stabilize finances by give them time to work on fund raising activities and special mailings. They started in 71 and have been working towards organizing women workers, raising women's issues in unions, and also campaigning to extend protective laws to all workers in the state of Ca.
200/100
- ✓ 4. Fayetteville Coordinating Committee - They need \$200 to do a mailing of "Support our Soldiers". They have a center in Spring Lake and have a radio program beginning an educational campaign around Puerto Rico.
\$200 loan
- ✓ 5. Puerto Rican Socialist Party, - They are 9mos. old in the US and are starting a branch in the Boston area and want funds for office rental and office equipment.
~~1000~~
\$1000Z
- ✓ 6. Vermont Prison Collective, Ferrisburg, Vt. - Collective of four people who have been working together for a few months now. They are asking for \$600 to cover costs of their project to first research the history of Vt. prisons in particular Windsor the oldest maximum security prison in the US and second to put together a film to use as a consciousness raising tool.
No
- ✓ 7. First Realty Coalition of Tenants' Union, Somerville - Union of 250 families fighting evictions.
300/200/100
- ✓ 8. IWW, Women's Information Center, Syracuse, N.Y. - A recently formed group they have a center and a mailing list of 300, they hold meetings weekly, produce a newsletter monthly. They are also developing a pledge system and have many activities going at the center. The request is for \$50 to supply their archives of articles of women's reprints.
\$50
- ✓ 9. Atlanta Workshop in Nonviolence, Atlanta, Georgia - Request \$106.85 to increase titles in their reading room.
Taken care of
- ✓ 10. Prisoners' Survival Center Cambridge - Have been together a year we funded them at the time when they were just starting out. They want anything towards \$1000 for the bus for their busing program.
\$100
- ✓ 11. Philadelphia Resistance - Requesting money for the German Military Project headed by Ed Kopanski who is an attorney interested in setting up a military project. They ask anything toward their \$14,000 yearly budget.
\$500Z
- ✓ 12. Feminist History Research Project, Venice, Ca. - They are a research project to give women a sense of their own history, asking for anything towards their annual budget of \$20,000.00.
No
- ✓ 13. Black Study Group, Archer, Florida - They want to set up an office and ask \$475 for operation costs for three months. The group grew out of a Black United History Week which took place last Feb., they have been moving under the direction of JOMO and their latest project is working to re-establish the Burning Spear a non-profit bi-weekly.
No
- ✓ 14. Committee for Puerto Rican Decolonization, Hoboken, N.J. - Formed in 72 to educate the US people about the colonial status of Puerto Rico. Committee consist of 12 North Americans and Puerto Ricans. They need cash to send out a fund-raising mailing, to secure an office and to publish a new packet.
\$75
- ✓ 15. Minnesota Connections - Group composed of ex-prisoners, friends, relatives and citizens from the community who have been together 1 1/2 years. They are actively working in conjunction with prisoners to bring a Prisoners Bill of Rights to the Legislature. They want \$400 to pay for a staff person and for office expenses.
No

✓ No 16. The Society of Creative Concern Inc., Roxbury - We gave them seed money in 71 and since then they have acquired a piece of property which will house a theater and workshops. They want \$300 to send out a mailing to solicit funds. They mentioned a genuine need for more Black oriented theater.

✓ No 17. Afro- American Cultural Foundation, White Plains, N.Y. - They want \$300 for Ms. Fannie Lou Hamer to come and speak for the Fifth Annual Panorama of African American Culture. The theme is People United for Freedom and exhibits by more than 30 groups will be their. The Foundation was established in 69.

Postpone ✓ 18. Philadelphia Workers Organizing Committee - Group formed in the summer of 71 in a white inner city area, formed to change the present course of the labor movement by exposing corrupt and inefficient labor leadership, demanding greater democracy within the unions and defending the rights of workers against the big business and government. They have several people in the electrical, clothing, auto, and tool and dye industries. They need funds for basic office equipment.

No 19. Roxbury War Tax Scholarship Fund - To spread WTI they want to run a storefront movement oriented tax consultant service. They would offer counseling to war tax resisters and to non-movement people. The charge would be on a sliding scale according to what one could afford to pay and in unable to pay the service will be free. They are asking for a loan of \$420 initially and \$360 for Feb.

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500 loan
20. CTOC - ~~10,000~~^{51,000} to print 10,000 copies of 2nd edition of Legal Tactics Handbook for tenant organizing.

\$700
21. MCLL - to replace equipment - typewriter, mimeo, serifax, - to which they no longer have access. For Bookclub and work-place organizing.