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Present were Frank Joyce (Chairperson), Bill Chasney, Bill Davidson, Hank Rosemont and Una Claffey.

The financial report was discussed and accepted. Arising from the discussion it was decided to do a sample mailing to the contributors' list to test our funding base in preparation for the political meeting in February. It was decided to hold off on a full mailing until after the February meeting when, it is hoped, we will have decided on our funding priorities and the future political direction of Resist.

It was agreed to exchange the New York portion of our mailing list with MBAI Pacifica and the Massachusetts section with the Mass. Community Center.

The question of Eileen's status in Resist was discussed and the decision was made for people in Boston to continue paying her salary until she starts receiving unemployment was ratified.

There are currently three definite people interested in working in the office. It was agreed that we should postpone hiring someone until after the February meeting when we are clearer about where we ourselves are going and when more people will have had a chance to talk with the applicants.

Hank gave the office report. He, Hilde, JoAnn Rosemont and Roz Zinn and Ken had kept the office functioning while Una was on vacation. The newsletter was at the press and expected to be mailed in the coming week. A decision had been made to put a congratulatory note in the SANE Award programme to Ellisberg and Sakharov and a donation of $40 to be made to defray its cost.

Given that there were only five people at the meeting, that we had only $700 to grant (although we had $1,200 approx. pledged in continuing grants) and that the February meeting would establish some funding priorities for us, we decided to make only one grant, an emergency $300 to Third World Newsreel.

The other item on the agenda with which we dealt was the February meeting. On the weekend of the 23rd and 24th there will be two meetings in Boston. The meeting on the 23rd, which will start at 12 noon, will be a political discussion at which we hope to deal with the future of Resist and try to establish some funding priorities for the organization, and deal with the question of whether we want to be solely a funding agency or see ourselves making further contributions to the emergence of a strong independent left in this country. The Sunday meeting will be a general business meeting.

In order to make the political meeting a success we agreed that people will have to put some time and energy in working on questions to be discussed. We therefore decided that people should write up and submit their ideas to the office to be circulated before the meeting. The office will send out a more detailed letter with schedules etc. next week.
FUNDING REQUESTS FOR JANUARY 13

1. Moscow, Chicago (Bob)
2. Radical Feminist Caucus, Phila. (Hilde)
3. Borrowed Time, Montana (Una)
4. Labor Pains, Cambridge (Hilde)
5. Dorchester Community News, Dorchester (Una)
6. Portland Draft Counseling (Bob)
7. The Tidewater Africans, Norfolk (Bob)
8. Maple Ave. Youth Betterment Unit, U. Va. (Una)
9. Milwaukee Worker (Hank)
10. Forward, Berlin (Bob)
11. Attica Brothers Legal Defense (Wayne)
12. The Other Side, Reading Mass. (Wayne)
13. People's Clinic, St. Louis (Hilde)
14. Votercans' Services Assoc., Univ. Ala. (Bob)
15. Third World Newsreel (Bell)
16. Rochester Patriot (Wayne)
17. LCDF (Hank)
18. Midnight Special (Bell)
19. Mental Patients Liberation Front (Hilde)
20. Labor Community Alliance (Hank)
21. VAW of Miami (Bob)
Balance as of November 18 $3,390.70

Income for the Period November 18 - January 13

Pledges $3,139.64
Contributions $795.00
Ellsberg Mailing $274.00
Subscriptions $1,931.07
Miscellaneous (i) $323.97 from Lafayette Stéck, (ii) $500.00 loan returned.
Total $823.97.
Total Disbursements for the Period November 18 - January 13 $6,963.68

Taxes $345.38
Payroll $778.08
Grants $4,835.00
Postage $290.00
Printing $352.50
Office Maintenance $945.25
Petty Cash $20.00
Miscellaneous $920.00
Total $8,794.21

Balance as of January 13 $1,548.05

Encumbrances for the Period January 13 - February 24

Continuing Grants $1,215.00
Rent $135.00
Telephone $100.00
Addressograph Machine $200.00
Payroll $575.00
Taxes $200.00
Printing $250.00
Postage $400.00
Mailing House $100.00
Travel $300.00
Miscellaneous $690.00
Total $4,165.00

Projected Income for the Period January 13 - February 24

Pledges $2,000.00
Contributions $1,000.00
Loan Repayment $310.00
Total $3,310.00

Our present balance plus projected income, minus projected expenses, leaves us approximately $700 to grant.