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Minutes for August 11, in Lincoln, Mass.

Present: Larry Thomas (chair), Bell Chevigny, Louie Kampf, Bob Zevin, Wayne O'Neill, Hank Rosmont, Ken Hale, Hilde Hein.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was submitted and attention was drawn to the large amount allotted for travel expenses for last meeting. Various suggestions were made on how to cut this amount down, ranging from limiting payment of expenses to strictly that travel involved in coming to the meeting, to paying expenses only for New York or one out of three meetings. As most people involved in traveling to meetings were not present, it was decided to table discussion on the matter for the September meeting.

Pepple questioned the wisdom of using the mailing house for the Newsletter and the extra (\$54 per month) cost it involved. It was pointed out that this was done as a trade-off for a full-time staff person, as the former larger office staff had the responsibility of folding, stuffing, etc. The suggestion was made to again have the process done in the office with the help of non-staff people. Louie made it clear that this required a serious once a month commitment by people in order that the staff not get stuck with the whole job. A final decision on the matter will be made in September.

Bob Zevin questioned the item "loan" to Inter-News in the report and wondered why we hadn't given them the money. After receiving an explanation as to why this was done (they had commitments for the proposed film's purchase or rental by CBS), he submitted that repayment be waived. As no one seemed to agree, the decision was left as is.

Office Report

The chair gave the office report. Eileen is on vacation for two weeks in Maine. The staff met with George Pillsbury of the Haymarket Foundation, during which time an informal agreement was reached to the effect that Haymarket should take over some of the burden of funding Boston area organizations that previously had been undertaken by RESIST, as the new foundation has specified that Boston will be the major focus of its funding activity. Bob Zevin, a board member of Haymarket, stated that they had expanded their area of funding to include all of New England, that they had \$40,000 to give out this year, and that grants would average \$1500. The chair cited preliminary findings of a geographical survey of RESIST funding being done by the staff and scheduled for completion by next meeting, indicate that Boston had received more grants than any other area.

Short descriptions were given of visits to the office by Sam Lovajoy of NIOH and the Farm Labor Organizing Committee of Toledo, Ohio.

A report was given on a meeting with Ken Coplon about the matter of outside assistance in doing a large mass mailing. A complete report on this matter will be given at the October meeting.

Articles for the Newsletter were discussed. It was brought up that the last two issues had no pieces in the Strategies series, and that the staff had been compiling or writing a majority of the articles for these issues. It was suggested that a Strategies piece be done on Prairie Fire, the newly released political statement of the Weather Underground. Louie and Wayne said that they would look it over and possibly write an article on it.

A letter from the Wages for Housework project that had been rejected at last month's meeting was circulated. The letter was critical of the decision in an unprincipled fashion, complete with threats to discredit RESIST in the Boston area. It was agreed that at least a letter from the staff besent on how to deal with comradely criticism, and that B Jean Turner be asked to comment in detail on the actual content of the "Wages for Housework" pamphlet.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be in New York on September 8, at which time a discussion on RESIST's position viz a viz the RU papers and the party building tendency in general will be clarified. The exact time and place is yet to be determined. It is hoped that as many people attend as possible. Bell brought up the October meeting and the proposed discussion of prison organizing. She felt that two "representative" and "knowledgeable" people would suffice for this educational, and everyone agreed.

REQUESTS AND GRANTS

see attached sheet

The decisions on the Coal Contract Workshop and the Fort Bragg G.I. Union need some further explanation. The grant to the G.I. Union is for a typewriter. If Hank can find an IBM Selectric for less, than we will give them enough to cover the cost; if not, they have been allotted \$350 to buy a new one. The decision on the Coal Contract Workshop was postponed due to Hilde's questions about who the Workshop would be reaching, the mine workers or merely "organizers". Because this was not made clear in the request, the decision was postponed until Bob and Hilde could come to an agreement about the focus of the Workshop. If that agreement was reached, \$750 would be allotted to the Workshop.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussions on the subject of "What I Did with my Summer Vacation" were for the most part postponed for future meetings. Wayne did relate his experiences with certain folks in Washington concerning some of the Watergate tapes.

Grants Made at August 11, 1974 RESIST Meeting

Grants-

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| 1. Nuclear Information Commune of Montague, Montague, Mass. | \$325 |
| 2. Viet Nam Resource Center, Cambridge, Mass. | \$100 x 5 |
| 3. Friends of Haiti, New City, New York | \$200 |
| 4. Pacific Counselling Service, San Francisco | \$250 x 2 |
| 5. Fort Bragg G.I. Union, Spring Lake, N.C. | up to \$350 |
| 6. Coal Contract Workshop, West Virginia | up to \$750* |

Rejected-

Women's International Education Project, San Francisco
Vet's For Peace, Chicago

Postponed-

Final Warning, New York
City Star, New York
California Homemakers Association, Sacramento
John Henry Memorial Committee

Continuing Grants-

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| 1. Peacemaker | \$ 50 |
| 2. Vietnam Report, Montreal (last of three month series) | \$200 |

*pending decision on who exactly will be attending workshop.

RESIST MEETING August 11, 1974

Balance as of July 7 \$2950.52

Income for July 7 to August 11

Pledges	\$2004.50
Contributions	\$ 798.25
subscriptions	\$ 22.00
MAI mailing	\$ 55.00
Contributors mailing	\$ 213.00
Misc.	\$ 2.00
TOTAL	<u>\$3094.75</u>

Outgo for July 7 to August 11

Taxes	\$ 643.26
Payroll	\$ 892.70
Grants	\$1700.00
Postage	\$ 400.00
Travel	\$ 299.00
Printing	\$ 206.00
Supplies & Petty Cash	\$ 413.30
Misc.	\$ 117.00
TOTAL	<u>\$4671.26</u>

Balance as of August 11 \$1422.19

Encumbrances for August 11 to September 8

Rent & Utilities	\$ 150.00
Telephone	\$ 100.00
Payroll	\$ 625.00
Continuing Grants	\$ 250.00
Travel	\$ 300.00
Taxes	\$ 290.00
Printing	\$ 120.00
Postage	\$ 200.00
Mailing House	\$ 55.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2090.00</u>

Projected Income for July 7 to August 11

Pledges	\$2000.00
Contributions	\$ 500.00
Mass mailings	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2600.00</u>

Our current balance, minus projected expenditures, plus projected income gives us approximately \$2000.00 to grant. Not included is an outstanding loan of \$500 made to Inter-News two months ago.

Overview

Total income for last six months approx.	\$26,000.00
Grants for last six months total approx.	\$14,000.00
Newsletter cost for six months approx.	\$ 4,000.00
Staff, travel, office maintenance approx.	\$ 8,000.00

Roughly we spend 55% on Grants, 30% on Overhead, 15% on the newsletter