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MINUTES - Resist meeting, Dec. 5th, 1976

Present: H. Rosemont, Wayne O'Neil, Carole Smith, Mary Louise Kean, Eileen Bisson, Madge Kaplan, Donna Finn, Margery Davies, Paul Lauter, Louis Kampf. Guest: Bob Matorin of Urban Planning Aid, Cambridge.

Office Report: We have decided to resume doing the Newsletter through the mailing house. Office staff criticized the process around the last issue, in which office workers were left with spending nearly a week on putting out the mailing by hand---more people were supposed to commit time to the project. Louis is going to do an article on Resist for the Feb. issue of Peacework. We are instituting sending regular mailings to contributors (on a quarterly basis) to keep them updated on the work of the org. and who we are funding. We were denied Monthly Reviews mailing list for the present, but should ask again in the future. We are going to exchange mailing lists with Working Papers. We are doing a sample mailing to the Center for Constitutional Rights (1,000 names). Letter should stress offense-defense idea (defense is important, but political offense is needed). office and Louis will draft letter and get signers. Paul will talk to George Vickers (new board member) about having a contributors-meet organizers party in N.Y. City. They will also contact Amy Swerdlow about it. We should investigate NACLA and the American Committee on Africa for use of their lists. Also, investigate similar research groups. We could do a sample mailing to ACA--like CSR, if successful, we'll commit money for larger mailings. Office staff will arrange meeting with T. Davidson. George Vickers might find ~~xxx~~ out if Eugene McCarthy list available--also, Institute for Policy Studies should be asked about their list. (write to Robb Burlage and Charlotte Bunch).

~~XXXX~~: We will ask the Community Church of Boston to return the 134 dollars from the loan we gave them for the prison conference. Ferrys turned down PEPIC grant.

Bob Matorin gave a report on UPA's legal difficulties with landlords. UPA has been defunded by the Community Services Administration in D.C. (their appeal was denied--see enclosed infor.) UPA is trying to put pressure on new administration and Tip O'Neil. They need support letters.. people in Resist should help out (letters are enclosed).

Paul is going to write an article on electoral politics for newsletter.

MEDIA: Bob M. talked to us about media projects. 2 types of groups: those who help groups get into public media, those who help people develop their own media (UPA); the latter try to teach people what place such media should/could have in their organizing. Films are the most expensive things to make.. videotape is much cheaper. Question was raised ~~xxxx~~ whether videotapes really do very much, since it's a passive medium. Response was that it was a good way of sharing information, especially for groups that are isolated. Videotape has also been used for tenant organizing: conditions in buildings being filmed and then the film shown to local housing office etc. as evidence. Measure of importance of media is whether it is being used as concrete organizing tool. Groups should ~~always be asked~~ always be asked just how they are going to use a videotape. Groups should also always be asked to scout around and see whether there is local access to equipment. (E.G. UPA in Boston) It's best to fund groups doing the organizing, rather than outside groups doing the video.

GRANTS:(November decisions)

1. Committee to Elect General Baker, Detroit--no, still not enough money.
2. Public Media Center--postponed.
3. Korea Bulletin, S.F. - yes, \$200.
4. Public Education Project on the Intelligence Community - yes, up to \$250.
5. War Resisters League--still not enough money.
6. Newspaper, Lynn --yes, \$200 times 2.
7. Third World Newsreel - postponed.
8. Alliance Against the Cuts , N.Y.--postponed.
9. Peacework - ok.
10. UPA - no, we can't handle buying equipment.
11. Progress in Education, Louisville - \$175 for leaflets and childcare.

12. Micronesia - postponed.
13. Video Tapes on health for spanish community -)Dorchester--no, still waiting to hear their reply on possible other funding sources.
14. Night Watch - no.
15. Franklin Training Corp. - \$1000 Z money.
16. Keep Strong - postponed.
17. Labor Pulse - still no. Louis will repond to letter.
18. N.Y. City Star- \$200.
19. Rhode Island Education Project - postponed.
20. Black Liberation Comm. - postponed.
21. Brockton Tenants Union - postponed.

December

1. Feminist Women's Health Center, Florida - Z money (\$500). Paul took literature and will contact people in N.Y. city about publicity and fundraising. if no Z money, postponed until next meeting.
2. Ann Arbor Collective - no, Margery will write letter.
3. Center for Research on Criminal Justice - postponed.
4. Walpole Education Project - . We will consider funding just the racism part of the proposal.. ask for something to be submitted.
5. Black People's Development Front (Virginia) - Ask them about structure of org. Are these real grassroots? ~~xxxxxxx~~ Eileen will write.
6. Center for Servicemen's Rights - \$175. Paul will write for infor. about their relation to Pendleton.
7. Mass. Transition - no.
8. ACLU - no. they should have funding sources.
9. Madison Tenant Unio - \$500 Z money.

NEXT MEeting is on January 9th at Wayne's house in Dorchester.

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Resistance to many forms of illegitimate authority is necessary to bring health to this country and make it a constructive force instead of a terror in the politics of nations.
—from A New Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

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GRANTS December 5, 1976 new requests

1. Feminist Women's Health Center ; Talahassee, Florida
2. Ann Arbor Collective; Ann Arbor , Michigan
3. Center for Research on Criminal Justice; Berkeley, California
4. Walpole Education project; Walpole, Massachusetts
5. Black Peoples Development Front ; Dublin, Virginia
6. Center for Servicemen's Rights ; San Diego, California
7. Mass Transition ; Roslindale, Mass
8. ACLU ; Little Rock, Arkansas
9. Madison Tenant Union ; Madison, Wisconsin

postponed from last meeting

- 1) Comm. to Elect General Baker, Mich. Rejected; letter will follow.
- 2) Public Media Ctr., San Francisco. Postpone; Carole will write.
- 3) Korea Bulletin, San Fran. Postpone; Otero will be asked for info.
- 4) PEPIC, D.C. Carole will write; if favorable, ask Ferrys for \$500.
- 5) WRL, New York. Grace will ask for a Newsletter piece.
- 6) Newspaper, Lynn, MA. \$400 in 2 mos.; Carole will write.
- 7) Third World Newsreel, NY. Postpone; Carole will write.
- 8) Comm. Labor Alliance Against the Cuts, NY. Postpone; Mary Louise.
- 9) Peacework, Camb., MA. Gets our NE mailing list; Madge.
- 10) Urban Planning Aid, Camb., MA. Postpone; Hank.
- 11) Progress in Educ., KY. Postpone for more info.; Wayne.
- 12) Micronesia Nat'l Comm., Hawaii. Postpone; Madge.
- 13) Video Tape, Dorchester. Postpone; Madge.
- 14) Night Watch, Elmira, NY. Rejected; Wayne.
- 15) Franklin Training Corp., Greenfield, MA. Jack Westen will investigate; if favorable, Ferrys will be asked for \$1000.
- 16) Keep Strong - ICSC, Chicago. Token grant, if available; George.
- 17) Labor Pulse, El Cerrito, CA. Rejected; Louis.
- 18) NY City Star, NY. \$200 as soon as possible; Paul.
- 19) R.I. Educ. Project, Providence. Postpone for more info.; Madge.
- 20) Black Liberation Comm., NY \$200 when available; Paul.
- 21) Brockton Tenant's Union, MA. Postpone; Madge.

Balance as of November 5th	\$4532.85
Income for the month	
Pledges	\$1384.50
Contributions	\$ 831.00
Subscriptions	\$ 370.00
Misc.	\$ 21.40
Contributors Mailing	\$ 267.00
TOTAL	\$2873.90
Outgo for the month	
Taxes Paid	\$ 465.32
Payroll	\$1047.80
Grants	- \$1550.00
Postage	\$ 489.00
Travel	\$ 230.00
Printing & Copying	\$ 227.27
Office Maintenance	\$ 497.06
Subscriptions	\$ 79.50
TOTAL	\$4587.95
CURRENT BALANCE	\$2818.80
Projected Expenses for the next month	
Rent & Utilities	\$ 185.00
Telephone	\$ 80.00
Grants continued	\$ 150.00
Payroll	\$ 840.00
Taxes	\$ 450.00
Travel	\$ 150.00
Mailing House	\$ 110.00
Supplies	\$ 60.00
Printing	\$ 350.00
Postage	\$ 360.00
TOTAL	\$2760.00
Projected Income	
Pledges	\$1500.00
Contributions	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$2000.00

OUR CURRENT BALANCE PLUS PROJECTED INCOME MINUS PROJECTED EXPENSES LEAVES US WITH \$2000.00 FOR GRANTS THIS MONTH. INTER NEWS OWES US \$500 STILL.