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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 Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

MINUTES OF MAY 16, 1982 MEETING

Present were Louis, Pam, Kate, Amanda, Wayne and Meredith

First item on the agenda was to welcome, me, Meredith as new staff member. Hello! I started work at Resist on May 10 and already I’m busy typing up the minutes.

We made 11 grants (including one token) totalling $2,000 and 5 rejections.

GRANTS

1. Blacks Against Nukes (BAN) - $125.00 for slide projector on good recommendation from the Washington Peace Center.

2. ARMS Collective (Boston) - $100.00 token contribution for moral support. Being considered by Haymarket in June.


4. MICAH (Detroit) - $250.00 towards cost of slide projector and/or new copy of film El Salvador: Revolution or Death. On good recommendation from CISPES, Detroit and Frank Joyce.

5. National Alliance of Third World Journalists (Philadelphia) - $200.00 for promotional mailing of their newsletter.

6. Tidewater Draft Counseling, Inc. (Norfolk, Va.) - $150.00, no T-shirts.

7. Mass. ACORN (Boston) - $150.00 general money. Being considered by Haymarket in June.

8. National Clearinghouse on Marital Rape (Berkeley, CA) - $200.00 toward expenses for Laura X to give workshops at two conferences on marital rape. Conference sponsors felt that her workshops were invaluable for their conferences.

9. ASOGUA (Washington, DC) - $150.00 towards cost of answering machine.

10. Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (Boston) - $200.00 for new leaflet.

11. Feminist Task Force/SSDII (Boston) - $250.00 for cost of women's promotional/outreach rally demonstration in Boston on May 29th.
REJECTIONS.

4. Ithaca Peace Council (NY) - Printing costs seem high and the major question was raised of why not print more than 250 copies. Will recommend them to the Peace Development Fund in Amherst and suggest that they think about getting it published. Wonderful and great idea.

5. Resource Center for Nonviolence (Santa Cruz, CA) - Fast has already taken place. Question of why no one heard about the fast. FOR (Fellowship of Reconciliation) is taking care of debts.

6. NC PIRG (Durham) - Rejected initial idea to give them token inorder to give larger grants to other organizations. Felt that the response to the question of on-going effect of the summer project was too vague though there is value in doing elementary networking. They are applying to Peace Development Fund.

7. Mustard Seed Troupe (Northampton, MA) - Already received $1500.00 from PDF. Felt that arts is not a priority. Also the troupe still has not purchased a van which will make it difficult for them to carry out their summer project.

11. Western Mass Freeze Campaign (Northampton) - We wish them luck. Felt that budget was too large in comparison to degree of impact project would have in community.

OTHER ISSUES

Peace Development Fund (Amherst) - A new funding organization very similar to Resist has been established in Amherst, MA, unknownst to Resist staff members until we received their newsletter in the mail on May 10. Slightly annoying since they claim to be "unique" in the funding community because they fund small grass-roots organizations. The size of their grants is $1500.00 - $5,000. They do not intend to do direct mail campaigns. They were established by a bequest(?) and intend to raise money by soliciting large contributions from wealthy radicals/liberals. They are tax-exempt so will not be funding anti-draft work or civil disobedience campaigns. Wayne suggested that PDF would be a good place for us to make referrals.

Legal Defense Fund for draft resistance - Louis suggested that this would be an issue to approach PDF with. Also we need to find out if the Civil Liberties Legal Defense Fund is still in existence since it is already tax-exempt. Would like to bring up issue of establishing legal defense fund at anti-draft rally which is taking place in NYC on June 13.

Emergency Grant - $100.00 for anti-draft rally in NYC on June 13. Will probably be sending us a grant proposal for consideration at June 13 meeting.

Board member Pam Chamberlain would appreciate any information on unique things to do in NYC on her first visit there in two years, June 12-14.

We're still looking for two new board members, hopefully Boston area residents so they can attend board meetings.
Finally, thanks to Frank B., Amy, George, Ken and Hans for their absentee response on grant packet, a new record! Your responses were considered and definitely helpful.

NEXT MEETING: NYC on June 13th at George Vickers, 205 W. 19th St, 6th floor.

See you all on June 12!

Meredith
Dear Resist people,

The May meeting will be at Louis' (14 Glenwood Ave., Cambridge 492-3468) at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 16. Please see the end of this letter for details on the June meeting.

Here are the entries for this month:

1. Blacks Against Nukes (Washington, DC) -- $395.00 for newsletter printing and purchase of a slide projector.

2. A.R.M.S. Collective (Boston) -- Any part of $9097.00 to prepare their book, Welfare Mothers Up In Arms (does not include publishing costs).

3. WIRE Exchange (NYC) -- $225.00 - $275.00 to cover typesetting costs for a new promotional brochure.

4. Ithaca Peace Council (NY) -- $393.95 to print and bind 250 copies of their "children's book by children on issues related to war and peace."

5. Resource Center for Nonviolence (Santa Cruz, CA) -- Any part of $1717.50 for U.S. organizing around the International Fast for Central America initiated by Servicio Paz Y Justicia, a Latin American support network for groups working nonviolently for human rights and social justice.

6. NC PIRG -- $500.00 for their Summer Project on Disarmament.

7. Mustard Seed Troupe (Northampton, MA) -- Any part of $4,700 for a travelling performing group on the nuclear arms race.

8. MICAH (Michigan Interchurch Committee on Central American Human rights) -- The first 5 pages of their general funding proposal are enclosed. I will be asking them for some specifics for Resist.

9. National Alliance of Third World Journalists (Philadelphia, PA) -- $300.00 for a promotional mailing for their newsletter.

10. Tidewater Draft Counseling, Inc. (norfolk, VA) -- $377.00 for t-shirts, buttons, and printing.

11. Western Mass Freeze Campaign (Northampton) -- Any contribution to their media project.
12. Mass. ACORN (Boston) -- -- $665.00 for buses, phone, supplies, etc. for their Campaign for Decent and Affordable Housing.

13. National Clearinghouse on Marital Rape (Berkeley, CA) -- Any part of $941.00 for Travel/housing/food to enable Laura X to give workshops at two conferences: The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence conference in Milwaukee and the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault conference in Seattle.

14. ASOGUA (Washington, DC) -- This is a left-over from our last meeting (#9 in last month's packet) and so I haven't included it in this packet.

15. Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (Boston) -- They will be applying to us any day now for money to print leaflets for a July 17 national protest at the National Right to Life convention in Cherry Hill, NJ. Wayne suggested that they apply.

On the June Meeting, since many of us will be in New York for SSDII, Louis and I thought we would solicit your opinions on having the June meeting in NYC rather than Boston and on June 13 (day after the demo) rather than June 20. Please sharpen your pencils and fill out the enclosed voting sheet. Make sure your favorites get what they deserve. Participatory democracy can work. All power to the people. Etc.

See you soon,

[Signature]

P.S. We will have a discussion at the May meeting (and maybe the June meeting as well) on the desirability/feasibility of setting up a tax-exempt fund to meet the legal expenses of non-registrants, in-service C.O.s, et al.