Resist Board Meeting, Oct. 17, 1982

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38 Union Square, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

October 6, 1982

The next board meeting will be OCTOBER 17th, 11:00 AM at Kate Cloud's, 26 Granite St., Somerville, MA 02143 (617) 666-3969.

Following is the list of grant proposals we will be looking at for this meeting. Brace yourselves, there are a lot of them!!

1. CISPES (Detroit, Michigan). The midwest regional office of CISPES is asking Resist for $550 for the publication of an organizer's manual.

2. Second Fortye Support Center (Washington, DC). $300 to cover two months rent while they wait for funds from other foundations.

3. Peoples' Resource Collective (NYC). $465 to cover three months rent/telephone for the People's Switchboard, a free information/referral service.

4. San Diego CARD. $300 to produce leaflets and PSA's for draft registration counter-intimidation campaign.


6. United League of Holmes County (Lexington, MS). $500 to provide prizes for essay writing contest.


8. Women's Health and Sexuality Coalition (NYC). $550 for transportation costs and speakers fees for October conference on Women's Health and Sexuality.


10. Women's Commission in Exile (Boston, MA). $500 to pay economist working on booklet which will focus on the economic status of women.

11. Massachusetts Nuclear Referendum Campaign: Question #3 (Boston, MA). Any amount of money to support media blitz before election day.

12. International Tribunal on Reparations for Black People in the US (Brooklyn, NY). Request a grant to cover printing costs for brochure which will summarize the purpose, goals and details of the Tribunal.

15. West/East Peace and Democracy Project (NYC). $500 to cover cost of printing stationary.


17. Now and Then Productions (Brooklyn, NY). $500 for production costs of new film documenting local organizing for the June 12 disarmament rally.

18. Honduras Information Center (Washington, DC). $315 to cover two months' printing costs of Honduras Update information packet.


20. WELCOME (Cleveland, OH). $425 for publication of Racism Kills.

21. CALC (Nashville, TN). $500 for production and promotion of slide show presentations on Nicaragua.

22. Mujeres Latinas (Dorchester, MA). $500 for production costs of benefit concert by Wallflower Collective dance group.

23. SAMRAF (NYC). $500 for printing and mailing costs of educational packet on city resoucrations supporting South African refugees.

24. SUBS (Chicago, IL). Any amount towards repayment of loan taken out to purchase new typesetting equipment.

I hope that's all. We're still waiting for responses on a couple of "additional information requested" letters with a deadline of October 8th. If you can't make the meeting it would be great to hear from you by proxy. Otherwise, see you on October 17th.

Best from here!

Meredith
October 1982

Dear Friends:

Thanks to your support, this has been a particularly good year for Resist. Because of your generous contributions we have made grants to more organizations and have had more money to give than ever before! That we have been able to do this in these times indicates that a real commitment to change does exist. By continuing, and hopefully increasing this level of grant giving we can encourage, as well, the strong level of commitment existing among those working for change.

For this reason, we would like to encourage you to become a Resist pledge. About 25% of Resist's annual income comes from our pledges: people who give a fixed amount of money on a regular basis. To become a pledge, just fill out the blue card enclosed with this newsletter and return it to us. You can decide how much and how often you want to give. You can give monthly (which is what's printed on the card) or less frequently if that is more convenient.

By becoming a pledge you will guarantee Resist a fixed and dependable source of income, a base on which we can carry out our grant-making activities. In return, our monthly pledge letter will tell you exactly how your money is being spent in addition to keeping you posted on other work being done at Resist. And no fund appeals will be sent to you during the year!

People tell us that as Resist pledges they feel closer to the organization and an important part of the decision making. We thank you again for your past support and hope that you decide to become a pledge.

For peace and justice,

Meredith Smith
Resist staff

Amanda Claiborne
Resist staff
PROXY

1. Cispes ______ Y, _____ N, MAYBE. COMMENTS:

2. SECOND FORTY ______ Y, _____ N, _______ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

4. PRC _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

5. CARD _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

6. NEW JEWISH AGENDA _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

7. UNITED LEAGUE _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

8. NEBRASKANS FOR PEACE _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

9. WOMEN'S COALITION _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

10. ABALONE ALLIANCE _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

11. WOMEN'S COMMISSION _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

12 QUESTION #3 _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

13. INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

14. INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL _____ Y, _____ N, _____ MAYBE. COMMENTS:
15. WEST/EAST PEACE PROJECT __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

16. ANTI_WAR POETRY __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

17. NOW AND THEN PRODUCTIONS __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

18. HONDURAS INFO CTR __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

19. WOMEN’S SCHOOL __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

20. WELCOME __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

21. CALC __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

22. MUJERES LATINAS __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

23. SAMRAF __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:

24. SUBS __ Y, __ N, __ MAYBE. COMMENTS:
Minutes of the October 17th board meeting

Present were Amanda, Meredith, Pam, Kate and Louis. We had a proxy from George.

Again, money was a little tight at this meeting. The fall fundraising mailings haven't gone out yet but the new brochure is at the printer. We gave out $1500 this time around. The breakdown was as follows: 8 grants, 1 loan, 3 postponements and 13 rejections. There were two additional proposals to those included in the packet. Our decisions on grants are detailed below.

1. Cispes (Detroit) -- We will recommend that they consider using the War Resisters League organizers manual as a resource rather than developing one of their own. If they do decide to develop their own manual we would want to see a draft before making a grant.

2. Second Forty Support Center (DC) -- Postponed for lack of information.

4. People's Resource Collective (NYC) -- General consensus was that this is a NYC project and funding should be available in NY.

5. San Diego CARD (San Diego) -- $200 for leaflets and PSA's for draft registration counter intimidation campaign. The general feeling on the board is that their work is very good.

6. New Jewish Agenda (Northampton, MA) -- $100 to this group in support of their Middle East Peace Project. They are the only group doing education and organizing on the Middle East in western MA.

7. United League of Holmes County (Lexington, MS) -- We felt that supporting an essay contest was not necessarily Resist's thing but we've heard good reports of this group's overall work. We were also impressed by the quality of last year's winning essay. $200 was sent to this group.

8. Nebraskans for Peace (Lincoln, NE) -- This group's work is good but we supported them recently with a grant for the Nebraska Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

9. Women's Health and Sexuality Coalition (NYC) -- Again, a project that should get funding in NYC. It also seemed that their budget was a little extravagant considering the resources available in NY.

10. Abalone Alliance (San Francisco) -- We had a lot of questions about this project which weren't answered. We decided not to give them funds partly because of lack of money on our part but also because their budget seemed too large and we couldn't understand why they were having a hard time getting funding from local sources.

11. Women's Commission in Exile (Boston) -- Good project, good group
but funds are available elsewhere. They received $1000 from another source per our suggestion. I also did a lot of foundation research for them.

12. Mass. Nuclear Referendum Campaign (Boston) -- The board didn't feel that this was a priority for Resist money. Also the comment was made that referenda tend to be bottomless pits where money is concerned.

13. International Tribunal on Reperations for Black People (Brooklyn) -- This seems like it's going to be a one shot deal. The board also agreed that reperations are not realistic or a useful organizing tool.

14. International Indian Treaty Council (AZ) -- $100 to defray debts incurred by last summer's Indian Treaty Conference. This proposal was a hold over from the last meeting.

15. Women's Peace and Democracy Project (NYC) -- Good project but the budget is too large for a Resist grant to make any significant impact.

16. Anti-War Poetry (NYC) -- A good idea but not a Resist priority.

17. Now and Then Productions (Brooklyn) -- Postponed for lack of information.

18. Honduras Information Center (Boston) -- $300 ($150 now and $150 in November) to cover two months printing costs of their Honduras Update. We got very good recommendations for this group.


20. WELCOME (Cleveland) -- This project is too polemical. Also it was agreed that it's hard to get curriculum on racism into public school systems and this project, specifically, is not geared to do that.

21. Clergy and Laity Concerned (Nashville) -- $200 for a slide projector. We questioned the need for them to produce a slide show on Nicaragua but this group does important work throughout the state of Tennessee.

22. Mujeres Latinas (Dorchester, MA) -- $250 loan for the production of a benefit concert by Wallflower Order Dance Collective.

23. SAMRAF (NYC) -- $100 with a letter of support. This grant is small because there was a question in regards to the on-going value of city council resolutions on support of South African refugees.

24. SUBS (Chicago) -- $200 to an excellent group which has managed to hold it together and print a valuable newsletter for 7 years.

25. No Nukes Prison Support Collective (AZ) -- This request was for personal support money for a couple working on the project. We do not usually fund personal projects.

26. National Emergency Committee on Lebanon (NYC) -- Terrific organization but the budget is extremely large and they seem to be having success raising the money they need from other sources.
OTHER BUSINESS

CALL -- Hans Koning has offered to write a second rough draft. We need to check with Dick Ohman to see if this would be helpful. Nothing has been done on the call since the last meeting, Dick has been out of town and only Hans responded to our request for input on Dick's rough draft. At the recent meeting Pam asked what we are trying to achieve by reissuing a call. The response was that we need people to start thinking about what we want to do with this document when it is completed. Suggestions were made to place ads, circulate the call for signatures with the idea of increasing our support and support for resisters.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND -- Amy Swerdlow suggested that we set up a revolving loan fund for organizations seeking seed money for fundraising, promotional mailings and/or benefits. The fund would work on a revolving basis, loans being made in increments of $500. On repayment of the loan we would ask for a contribution of $25 (or thereabouts) to add to the fund. We are going to make requests for initial start up money. If anyone has additional suggestions, please contact us.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS -- We are still seeking new board members. Pam, Kate and Meredith will be meeting with Beatrice Mann, a woman who has been asked and is willing to join the board.

MANUSCRIPTS -- We are soliciting manuscripts and book reviews for the Resist newsletter. If anyone has contact, ideas or would like to write a piece, please contact the office.

That's it for this time around. The next meeting will be November 21st; 11:00, at Pam Chamberlain's, 65 Antrim St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

Best from here,

Meredith