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Dear Folks:

The next board meeting is SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH at 11AM at Kate Cloud's, 26 Granite St., Somerville, MA. Kate's phone number is 666-3969.

At the meeting we will be considering 27 grant proposals, 9 are left overs from the December meeting. We decided to give them money but didn't have any money to give out at the time. So we will be making a final decision on these proposals. As for the money situation, it looks very good right now. We've been able to pay back some loans and still have money in the bank for grants and future mailings. Our brochure has proved to be a great success! Thanks to Amanda and Adrienne Claiborne and Gerald Yosca.

Also at the meeting we will be making a final decision on future staff person. We received 45-50 applications for the job and are interviewing a total of 12 people. We were overwhelmed by the quality of applications and at this point have a couple of people identified who seem extremely well qualified for the job. We will be hiring someone to start 3/1/83. I'll be working unassisted from when Amanda leaves (2/1/83) until then so, patience everyone!

GRANT PROPOSALS

1. El Pueblo (San Antonio, TX) - left from December meeting.

2. Committee to Defend the Mexicano Political Prisoner (CO) - December meeting.

3. African Research and Publications (Trenton, NJ) - $500 for the planning aspect of their publication and distribution of two books on racism. ______ N ______ Maybe. Comments ____________________________

4. Centro Campesino (Winter Haven, FL) - $430 for an immigration rights campaign working with Hispanic farm workers. ______ N ______ Maybe. Comments: ____________________________

5. Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (Jamaica Plain, MA) - $525 for a Spanish language poster campaign in the Boston subway. ______ N ______ Maybe. Comments: ____________________________
6. Coalition to Stop Plant Closings (LA, CA) - $495 for three issues of a newsletter. Y N Maybe. Comments:

7. National Mobe (NYC) - Packet on Middle East, December meeting.

8. Plant Closures Project (Oakland, CA) - $1000 for general support. Y N Maybe. Comments:

9. Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery (Washington, DC) - $500-$1000 to provide 500 indigent prisoners with copies of Prison Slavery. Y N Maybe. Comments:

10. Syracuse Peace Council (Syracuse, NY) - December meeting.

11. St. Louis CALC (MO) - December meeting.

12. WIN (NYC) - December meeting.

13. Concerned Citizens of Louisa Co. (Mineral, VA) - $500 for one year (7 issues) of their newsletter. Y N Maybe. Comments:

14. War Resisters League -SE (Durham, NC) - December meeting.

15. Draft Information and Resource Center (Saginaw, MI) - $500 for "the establishment of CONTACTS." Your guess is as good as mine! Y N Maybe. Comments:

16. Vietnam Vets Against the War (GA) - December meeting.

17. Nerve Center (New Haven, CT) - December meeting.

18. Federation for Progress (Columbus, OH) - Any amount to cover deficit from November 13-14 FFP convention. More info requested. In case it's not obvious, FFP is a CWP front group. Y N Maybe. Comments:

19. Draft Information Alliance (Menlo Park, CA) - Any amount for anti-draft work in Chicano, Black and Indian communities. Y N Maybe. Comments:

20. People's Resource Collective (NYC) - $445 for telephone installation, answering machine and back rent. Considered proposal in October and referred them to North Star by whom they were turned down. Y N Maybe. Comments:
22. River Valley Voice (Lyme Ctr., NH) - $500 to finalize purchase of I-Tech typesetting machine. Request is for grant or combination grant/loan. They will provide us with free typesetting and access to their sublist in return. Y N Maybe. Comments: ____________________________________________

23. Internation Women's Day Demo (Boston, MA) - $544 for printing, sound equipment and outreach for citywide International Women's Day march. Y N Maybe. Comments: ____________________________________________


25. Villa Sin Miedo Exhibit (NYC) - Any amount toward travelling photo exhibit on Villa Sin Miedo, a squatters village in Puerto Rico which was destroyed in May, 1982. Y N Maybe. Comments: ____________________________________________


27. Peoples Resource Center on Government Repression (Washington, DC) - $500 for publication of newsletter. Y N Maybe. Comments: ____________________________________________

Best from here (HAPPY NEW YEAR!!)

Meredith
MINUTES 1/30/83
Present were Kate, Pam, Meredith, Louis and Ken with proxies from Amanda and George.

Two major items of interest since the last board meeting: We said farewell to Amanda on Friday, 1/28 and on Sunday we hired a new staff member - Ken Tangvik. Ken will start work on February 14th.

Money was very good for this meeting so we were able to give quite a few grants. Of 27 proposals, we funded 15, made a loan to 1, recommended 1 for "Z" money, postponed 3, turned down 6 and 1 was cancelled. Total amount in grants and loans was $3955.

GRANTS
1. El Pueblo (San Antonio, TX) - $250 to be used towards payments on a typesetting machine.

2. Committee to Defend the Mexicano Political Prisoner (CO) - $180 for publishing newsletter. We felt hesitant about this one but decided to support them since we were feeling flush. Declined to give them money for purchase of a button machine.

3. African Research and Publications (Trenton, NJ) - $250 for two books on racism. The books look good and they have at this point received an oral endorsement from the Anti-klan committee of the NEA. The grant is backed with a suggestion that they seek endorsement/funding from the American Library Association and/or the Council on Interracial Books for Children.

4. Centro Campesino (Winter Haven, FL) - "Z" money.

5. Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (Jamaica Plain, MA) - $175 for typesetting and printing of Spanish language abortion posters. We suggested that they pay rental costs with part of the money raised for the English language posters.

6. National MFS (NYC) - $150 for packet on Middle East.

7. Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery (DC) - $100 token support. We all had doubts about organizing prison work around the wording of the 13th amendment.

8. Syracuse Peace Council (Syracuse, NY) - $250 to support two interns.

9. St. Louis Calc (St. Louis, MO) - $250 to support an intern.
13. Concerned Citizens of Louisa Co. (Mineral, VA) - $100 token grant. Didn't seem to be making any connections with nuclear waste/energy beyond the local issue.

16. Vietnam Vets Against the War (Georgia) - $200 start up money.

19. Draft Information Alliance (Menlo Park, CA) - $300 for their work with Chicano, Black and Indian draft counseling.

20. People's Switchboard (NYC) - $250 for back rent and phone bills.

22. River Valley Voice (Lyme Center, NM) - $250 toward cost of typesetting machine for which we receive free typesetting and use of their mailing list in exchange.

23. International Women's Day Demo (Boston) - $250 for fliers, general support.


LOANS
12. WIN Magazine (Brooklyn, NY) - $500 for promo mailings

22. River Valley Voice (Lyme Ctr., NH) - $250 for typesetting machine.

POSTPONEMENTS
6. Coalition to Stop Plant Closings (LA, CA) - for more information on political leanings.

8. Plant Closures Project (Oakland, CA) - ditto above.

17. Nerve Center (New Haven, CT) - We want to know why they form an organization which will concentrate specifically on chemical warfare.

REJECTS
14. War Resisters League-SE (Durham, NC) - They want to publish a special issue of their NL on racism in the peace movement. We saw some of the material they plan to include. Most of it was reprints and the board didn't feel that the material said anything new or would reach an untouched audience.

15. Draft Information Center (Saginaw, MI) - We wish them well but it wasn't clear from their proposal if they are just counseling individuals about the draft or if they have some political perspective. If they are counseling they can get money elsewhere.

21. RECON (Philly) - This wasn't in the last packet (by error). They asked for money to send draft counseling articles to all the weekly newspapers in the country with a circulation of 10,000 or more. We felt the project would be more meaningful and be better received if the info was provided as a resource to local groups with tips on how to get articles into local papers.
25. Villa Sin Miedo Exhibit (NYC) - A wonderful exhibit but not a RESIST priority.

26. Center for Development Policy (DC) - We felt that the individual who wrote this grant should get the money for the tape recorder from the Center for Development Policy and not RESIST.

27. People's Resource Collective on Government Repression (Washington, DC) - No one had heard of them. There are many groups researching and putting out material on government surveillance etc., and we had no perception of what this group is doing that would be any different.

I do believe that is all for this month. Hopefully the next time around you will be hearing from Ken.

A quick update on money. We are doing well. Two mailings just went out and we got our first returns today from WIN and RA. We'll be mailing to Multi-national Monitor, MERIP, Dollars and Sense, AFSC(local), Socialist Review and The Greensboro Justice Fund this spring. The new brochure, so far, has done extremely well and with luck will continue to do so.

Best from here,

Meredith