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NEXT BOARD MEETING, APRIL 17, 1983 at PAM CHAMBERLAIN'S, 65 Antrim St., Cambridge, MA 617/864-2992 at 11:00AM.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING

- Use of Resist mailing list by other organizations. At this point we have a list of contributors to other causes, who have not given to Resist, which we let other groups use. Do we have a policy regarding use of the list of Resist contributors? If so, what is it, if not, let's set one.

- Review guidelines for loan fund. We would like to include these in the packet but since I just got back from vacation, they are not done yet. They will be included in minutes for this meeting. In the meantime, any of you who will not be at the meeting, you are welcome to jot down your ideas for the loan fund and send them to us.

- NYC meeting in May. We need a place, probably for May 22. Any offers?

- CALL. It seems that this effort has petered out somewhat. Is there still interest in working on it? I haven't heard from Dick or Hans regarding my last correspondence to them.

- Cocktail Party. This effort has also petered out, mostly because of the turnover in staff. Also there was some question as to whether the effort would be worth the amount raised. We would like to have the cocktail party in NYC and George Vickers has offered his loft. Are there any comments on this. Should we go ahead with it for the fall?

- Paul has offered to come to Boston in the summer and go through the many boxes of Resist's back files. He will sort through and prepare material for archives. Several libraries have offered. Any comments on this? I know Pam would be very happy to get the boxes out of her basement.

GRANTS

We have, again, many grant proposals. But money is still good. We did a mailing to our very own list which in three days paid for itself many times over. Other mailings are doing well also. Our monthly income is about what it was in 1981 and double what it was in 1982. Is this just because the recession is receding?? Or is the left really growing?

1. Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (Chicago, IL) - $300 for informational and fundraising mailings.
2. Cruise Conversion Alert (Tucson, AZ) - $300 for two slide shows on First Strike Missiles, literature on the same and wood for a portable stage for rallies and demonstrations.

3. Peace Education Network (Harbor Springs, MI) - $200 for an answering machine.

4. Computer Mailworks for Non-Profits (Philly) - Any amount for purchase of equipment so that they can reduce their costs.

5. Women's Pentagon Action-NYC (NYC) - $230 for a mailing to their list with information on the Women's Peace Encampment.

6. Alternative Information Network (Austin, TX) - $500 toward general expenses but will be sending more detailed budget and a video tape of show on KKK for review at Board Meeting.

7. Louder Than our Words (NYC) - video on women and civil disobedience. Postponed from last meeting so we could view the tape. We will be looking at it at this meeting.

8. City of Refuge Farm (Stuyvesant, NY) - Any amount to be used toward fund-raising efforts for City of Refuge Farm.

9. House hold Workers' Rights (San Francisco) - $245 toward office expenses. They are trying to get back on their feet after the closing of the Union WAGE office where they used to be located. This was postponed from the last meeting.

10. Black United Front (Brooklyn) - Postponed from the last meeting for further checking. They want $500 to help get the Police Brutality Unit out of the red.

11. New Haven Feminist Anti-Nuclear Task Force (CT) - $1620 for three women to travel to Scotland and Greenham Common to gather info on the Women's Peace movement.

12. Help Us Make a Nation (HUMAN, Yellow Springs, OH) - $500 to print a newsletter covering recent events in Holmes County regarding Max Eddie Carthan and the Tchula 7.

13. Womyn for Survival (Miami, FL) - $500 for war Tax Resistance Demonstration and Workshop.

14. The Society for Sensitive Political Research (Hartford, CT) - Any amount for research and writing on a book about the International Rescue Committee $???. Anybody know anything about this?

15. Somerville Community News (MA) - $500 to pay layout coordinator until October 1983 at which time increased ad revenues will cover the expense.

16. Democratic Socialists of America (Somerville, MA) - $500 toward costs of printing a power structure study of Boston called Who Rules Boston.

17. Mass. Solidarity Coalition (Boston) - $614 to print bakhuré for organizaiton (1,000cc) and a pamphlet on Reagonomics (500cc).

18. Jamaica Plain Speakout (JP, MA) - $300 toward costs of speakout.
19. Vietnam Veteran Artists (Somerville, MA) - 492.50 for costs of printing a brochure.

20. Eritrean Relief Committee, Inc. (NYC) - $1,000 for newsletter on Eritrean Refugees.


22. Kinheart Inc. (Chicago, IL) - $384 for leader's guide and resource packet for program on sexuality and homophobia.

23. Texas Grassroots Peace Organizing Project (Austin, TX) - 27,000 for total budget. Will contact and ask for specific project.

24. Fine Line Productions (San Francisco) - $1,000 for video called: A NUCLEAR NEWSREEL, A Report on Direct Actions for Disarmament June 1983 which will be distributed to PBS stations.

25. Southeast Asia Resource Center (NYC) - $570 for a project to help bring about the release of political prisoners in Taiwan.

26. NY Card (NYC) - $500 to fund the CARD news service. Postponement from last meeting.

That's all for this meeting. Proxy sheets follow for all of you that want to write in your opinions. I meant to get the packet out a little earlier this month but I was on vacation and Ken was a little overworked while I was gone. If you don't get the packet in time to respond via mail please call collect. And we'll try to be in touch with you a little sooner for the May meeting.

Best from here,

Meredith
1. Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights __Y__N__ Maybe
2. Cruise Conversion Alert __Y__N__M
3. Peace Ed Network __Y__N__M
4. Computer Mailworks __Y__N__M
5. Women's Pentagon Action NYC __Y__N__M
6. Alternative Information Network __Y__N__M
7. Louder than our Words __Y__N__M
8. City of Refuge Farm __Y__N__M
9. Household Workers' Rights __Y__N__M
10. Black United Front __Y__N__M
11. New Haven Feminists __Y__N__M
12. HUMAN __Y__N__M
13. Womyn for Survival __Y__N__M
14. The Society for Sensitive Political Research __Y__N__M
15. Somerville Community News __Y__N__M
16. DSOC __Y__N__M
17. Mass Solidarity Coalition __Y__N__M
18. JP Speakout __Y__N__M
19. Vietnam Vet Artists __Y__N__M
20. Eritrean Relief Committee __Y__N__M
21. US-El Salvador Research and Information Center  

22. Kinheart Inc.  

23. Texas Grassroots  

24. Fine Line Productions  

25. Southeast Asia Resource Center  

26. NYC Card
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Present were Kate, Ken Hale, Pam, Meredith, Louis, Ken Tangvik, with proxies from Frank and Amy.

Next Meeting: May 22 George Vicker's house in New York City. 205 W. 19th St. 212/741-0545. 11:00 a.m.

Mailing List: We decided that we would be very cautious about who we gave our mailing list to but we felt that at times it would be appropriate to allow other organizations to use our list (ie, Dollars and Sense, RA). Staff would consult with at least two board members before giving out the list. It was suggested that we poll a portion of our list to see if people had feelings about their addresses being given to other organizations.

Loan Fund: We decided to put aside $2,000 into a revolving loan fund which would be used by groups for mailings, fund-raising events, and subscription campaigns in increments of $250. Presently we have $950 in outstanding loans. Meredith will look into some kind of social investment fund in order to make interest without selling out to Wall St.

New Call: Until someone is inspired to work on this, the rest of us will wait.

Cocktail Party: We will talk about this when we have our meeting in NYC. We felt that unless someone in NYC took responsibility to do some organizing down there, it wouldn't be worth it.

T-Shirts: A friend of Resist is designing a Resist T-shirt. When they are done we will offer them to our contributors, bookstores, friends, etc.

Newsletter: We discussed the newsletter a bit and came up with the following ideas: short reviews of movies and books, cover issues being debated within the movement such as sexuality, how to deal with the klan ect. The staff encourages board members to contribute to the newsletter.

Finances: Money has been pretty good. The Resist mailing list has been doing very well and the Greensborough Defense and Clergy and Laity Concerned mailings are just starting to come in. Socialist Review mailing is going out next week. We are projecting that we will be able to give away about $9,000 in grants during the next three months.

Grants: We had 27 proposals. We funded 14, recommended 2 for Z money, made 1 loan, postponed two, and turned down 8. We gave out $2,880 in Grants.

Funded:
1. Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (chicago) $200 to be used for informational and fundraising mailings.
2. Cruise Conversion Alert (tucson AZ) - $200 for two slide shows on First Strike missiles and literature.
3. Peace Education Network (Harbor Springs, MI) - $150 for an answering machine.
4. Women's Pentagon Action (NYC) - $230 for a mailing to their list with information on the Women's Peace Encampment.
5. Louder Than Our Words (NYC) - $250 for distribution of video tape on women and civil disobedience. After seeing this video at the meeting we thought that it would be valuable in organizing women for civil disobedience actions.

6. City of Refuge Farm (Styvesant NY) - $200 to be used toward fund raising efforts for City of Refuge Farm.

7. Black United Front (NYC) - After a long discussion we decided to give a token $100 for the Police Brutality Unit. We had mixed reports on this group. George was very critical of this group saying that they were a divisive force in NYC and that they focused on Black Nationalism rather than with social and economic structures. On the other hand, North Star gave BUF and this project a good recommendation. Many board members questioned the sexism of BUF.

8. HUMAN (Yellow Springs, OH) - $300 to print a newsletter covering recent events in Holmes County regarding Eddie Carthan and the Tchula 7.

9. Jamaica Plain Speakout (J.P. MA) $200 towards grassroots, multi-racial speakout on the effects of the arms race in the local community.

10. Vietnam Veteran Artists (Boston MA) - $300 for costs of printing a brochure to let movement people know about how they can have access to this resource.

11. Eritrean Relief Committee (NYC) $200 for newsletter.

12. U.S. El Salvador Research and Information Center (Berkeley CA) $250 for subscription campaign.

13. Southeast Asia Resource Center (NYC) - $200 for a project to help bring about the release of political prisoners in Taiwan.

14. NY-CARD (NYC) - $100 for CARD News Service. We had questions about the usefulness of this news service when there were other publications available about the draft, but members felt that there are good people in NY-CARD and also the news service is run by youth so we thought it appropriate to send them a token amount.

LOANS:

POSTPONED: Kinehart Inc. (Chicago) - need more info
Texas Grassroots Peace Organizing Project (Austin TX) - need more info

Z MONEY: Mass Solidarity Coalition (Boston MA) - for brochure and pamphlet
Household Workers Right (San Francisco) - for office expenses.

REJECTIONS:
1. Computer Mailworks (Phil) - They need too much money. Not a Resist priority.

2. Alternative Information Network (Austin TX) - we felt that large media projects were a bottomless pit. We also felt that public access TV could be a trap
for the left - lots of money, not a large audience.

3. New Haven Feminists (Conn) Resist doesn't pay for travel expenses. Maybe when they return we'll give them $ for distributing the information they collect.

4. Society for Sensitive Political Research (Hartford Conn) - After checking up on this proposal, it seemed that this was a one-person project that wasn't going anywhere.

5. Somerville Community News (MA) - We've funded them a lot in the past. They just received an $8,000 grant from another foundation. They should be able to survive now without Resist.

6. Fine Line Productions (San Francisco) - too big of a project. Out of Resist's range.

7. Democratic Socialists (Boston) - good project, but they should be able to tap liberals for $.

8. Womyn for Survival (Miami) - the demonstration they wanted $ for had already occurred. Members felt that Resist didn't fund War Tax Resistance campaigns, but felt that we needed to discuss this more at a future date.

Don't forget the next meeting in NYC on Sunday May 22.

From the Resist Office,  
Ken Tangvik