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JUNE BOARD PACKET

Next Meeting: Louis', 14 Glenwood Ave., Cambridge on June 19th, 1983 at 11:00. Phone: 617-492-3468.

AGENDA ITEMS

****Please note the error in the minutes: The Next Board Meeting is on JUNE 19TH, not the 18th.**

****We will have a further discussion on applying for 501(c)3 pending a discussion with the lawyer.**

****There's a possibility that there will be no board meeting in July, August or September. The main reason for this is lack of money. From experience we know that money is the slowest in the summer and fall. We are a little ahead at this point and think that it would be wise to use this money to put out fundraising mailings in the early fall to assure income by October so we can have a board meeting then. In the meantime we would still give emergency grants. If you are not going to be at the board meeting and have feed back on this, please write or call.**

****We're trying to cut back on the expense of sending out board packets - it costs us \$6 per board member per month. If you don't usually read through the whole packet, it would be helpful if we could just send you the cover letter. In the meantime we will send out cards with the minutes as we did this month. Let us know what you think of the new system.**

****How frequently should we meet in NYC???**

GRANTS

1. National Conference of Black Lawyers(Roxbury, MA) - Any part of \$3300 for a jury research project.
2. Back of the Hill, Community Development Association (Mission Hill, MA) - \$2000 for legal fees toward their case against New England Baptist Hospital.
3. Anthropology Resource Center(Boston, MA) - Any amount for Orientation Committee for Mayan Indian Refugees.
4. South Shore Conversion Committee (Hingham, MA) - \$460 to print brochure and organize a conference on shipbuilding conversion for Quincy Shipyard.
5. Committee for Fair Immigration Legislation (NYC) - \$500 to continue organizing efforts against the "Simpson-Mazzoli Bill".
6. Campaign for Peace and Democracy East and West (NYC) - Any amount for general funding.
7. East Toledo Community Organization (Toledo, OH) - \$500 to pay for repairs on their mimeograph stencil maker and mimeograph machine.

8. Nuclear Issues Committee, NLG (Seattle, WA) - \$500 for legal support work at the Women's Peace Encampment at the Boeing Cruise missile plant in Kent, Washington.
9. National Network in Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People (Washington, DC) - Any part of \$4400 for June/July 1983 tour.
10. International Indian Treaty Council (SF, CA) - \$700 for printing, typesetting and postage for next issue of Treaty Council News.
11. Central Florida Freeze Campaign (Winter Park, FL) \$500 to be used to organize event against the Pershing II.
12. Women's Video Collective (Somerville, MA) - \$250 to offset telephone and mailing costs for video project on the Women's peace Encampment.
13. PUMA (Cambridge, MA) -\$450 for used IBM typewriter.
14. Guatemala Scholars Network (Washington, DC) - Any amount to help with coordinating and communicating information about Guatemala.
15. Institute for Independent Social Journalism (NYC) Funding for 1984 Guardian Calender.
16. Citizen's Clearing House for Hazardous Wastes (Arlington, VA) - \$500 for photocopier. Proposal hasn't arrived so info is not in packet.
17. Disorientation Collective (University of Iowa) - Grant to print manual which introduces incoming students to progressive groups in Iowa City. This proposal hasn't arrived yet either.
18. Somerville Community News (Somerville, MA) - didn't get \$\$they were expecting. No proposal from them yet.

We will have \$2500-\$3000 for the meeting

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2. Back of the Hill Y N MAYBE. COMMENTS
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Attending: Beatriz, Meredith, Kate, Pam, Louis, Ken Tangvik
Proxies: Amy, Ken Hale

We welcomed Beatriz to her first board meeting. Beatriz is off to Mexico in September to organize a conference on Guatemala and then to the refugee camps so we won't be seeing her again for a while.

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS: Louie, Meredith and Ken met once again with our lawyer, Lee Goldstein, to discuss tax-exempt status. Lee has a lot of experience with this after working with Boston Mobe, Haymarket, AFSC and other groups on the same issue. Once again, the benefits of tax-exempt status are the saving of thousands of dollars per year in mailings, and the likelihood that our donations would significantly increase.

The following points that were made by the lawyer convinced the board to go ahead in applying for tax-exempt status:

- * It will not increase our chances of being audited
- * The records we keep will not have to be significantly changed
- * If the IRS gets suspicious and wants to look at our records, we can refuse and the worst that will happen is that we will lose our tax-exempt status.
- * The Monthly Review and Mother Jones cases are different from Resist's situation.

One slight hassel is that we may have to report the names of contributors who contribute more than 2% of the annual income. There are a few donors in this category. We decided to inform these donors and let them know of alternative ways to give us money if they don't want the IRS to have their name as a Resist donor.

✓ If anyone on the board has strong reservations about tax-exempt status, let us know immediately. Otherwise we'll begin the process which usually takes 4-6 months.

SUMMER GRANTS: Due to the predictable summer slowdown and the need to prepare for large mailings in Sept., we decided not to meet until Sept. or Oct., depending upon the \$ situation. In the meantime, we will give emergency grants to groups that contact us during the summer. The staff will consult with at least 2 board members before giving emergency grants.

✓ **NYC MEETINGS:** We decided that Resist benefits from NYC meetings. We will try to meet there twice per year.

T-SHIRTS: We are definately moving ahead with a design for a Resist T-shirt. If anyone has any brilliant ideas let us know Soon.

RESIST BOSTON PARTY: In late Sept. Resist will throw a bash to celebrate itself. This will not be a fundraiser. We will invite all of our local contributors, friends, and recipients of Resist grants. We expect 200-300 people. We will provide light food, beer and wine (for sale), music, literary readings, theatre, a presentation of the history of Resist, and an educational presentation on either the Middle East or Central America or both, and of course after all this, dancing with D.J. John Demeter.

Louie will hit up some people for \$ to cover expenses and Kate, Pam and Ken Tangvik will form a planning committee. There are two reasons for this fiesta: to create a sense of community for local Resisters and also we are going to make a strong appeal for people to become pledges. We won't ask people to write checks, but pledge cards will be passed out to everyone attending as part of our on-going campaign to increase our # of pledges. Hopefully, board members from outside the Boston area will be able to attend.

Grants:

We had 19 requests: one was cancelled, 2 were referred to Z money, two were postponed, 6 were turned down and 8 grants were awarded. A total of \$1900.00 was given away.

2. Back of the Hill (Boston) \$150 token for fundraising/info mailing..

4. South Shore Conversion Committee (Quincy MA) - Z money for conversion/shipbuilding conference and brochure.

9. National Network in Sol. with Nicaragua (Wash DC) - \$300 for organizing speaking tour.

10. International Indian Treaty Council (SF, CA) - \$200 for next issue of their newsletter.

11. Central Florida Freeze Campaign (Winter Park FL) - \$250 for demo against Pershing and Cruise missiles.

13. PUMA (Boston) - \$150 token towards a typewriter

14. Guatemala Scholars Network (D.C.) - \$300 for national mailing.

16. Citizens Clearing House for Hazardous Wastes - (Arlington VA) - \$300 towards photocopier machine.

18. Somerville Community News (Somerville MA) - \$250 to print the next issue, while they wait for \$ from other sources.

19. Detroit Cispes Labor Outreach Committee - referred to Z money. This was postponed from last meeting. Paul sent a letter stating his concerns about the groups strategy for reaching out to labor unions. The group responded favorably to Paul's suggestions and the board felt that the project would be worthwhile.

REJECTIONS:

1. National Conference of Black Lawyers (Boston) - money for university research should come from universities. Liberal \$ available.
5. Committee for Fair Immigration Legislation (NYC) - good group, important work, but liberal and church \$ should be available.
6. Campaign for Democracy East and West (NYC) - They have access to lots of \$. They don't do much besides take out ads in the N.Y. Times.
12. Women's Video Collective (boston) - There's thousands of vidoe projects. Most of them are costly and board members questioned their effectiveness. Has video become a pastime of the Left?
15. Institute for Independent Journalism (NYC) - we don't fund calendars.
17. Disorientation Collective (Iowa) - Good group but students should be able to raise money on their own campuses.

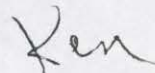
Postponed:

8. Nuclear Issues Committee, NLG (Seattle WA) - need more info.
7. East Toledo Community Organization (Toledo OH) - need more info. Meredith was able to get some references for this group after the meeting and all the references were negative so this group now goes into the rejection category.

Cancelled: Anthropology Resource Center (Boston MA) - this was a mix up. They were just sending us some information and we thought it was a grant proposal.

That's it for now.

Yours from the Office,



Ken Tangvik