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MINUTES, RESIST BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 21

Present: Louie, Kate, Pam, Paul, Wayne, Meredith and Ken T.

* Finances - We just mailed to our list and it is doing very well. We are continuing to mail to other lists. We just sent out to National Mobe contributors and next is the Guardian. Many more are planned for the spring and winter. We will do a complete financial report at the year's end.

* BIG NEWS - We just received a letter that informed us that Jacqueline Bernard, who recently died, left Resist \$25,000 in her will. We will be receiving the \$ in about 8 months. We will have to make some important decisions about what to do with this \$ so start thinking. The tax exempt papers will be filed within the next two weeks so that we won't have to give Uncle Sam any \$.

* We've heard nothing but good news about the party. We actually made \$167 and have received over 20 new pledges.

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* Staff Salaries - After a short discussion it was agreed that the following policy be instituted at Resist: After each year of working at Resist, staff people will receive a 10% increase in salary in addition to cost-of living increase. We felt that this policy would be good for the staff and for the organization.

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* Recruiting Board Members - We agreed to seek new board members, particularly women and people of color who could regularly attend meetings in the Boston area. Also we'll look for others across the country who would want to play an active role in Resist. At the next meeting those who have talked with prospective board members will make suggestions. Then we'll go through the usual process of interviews, ect.

* Mailing list - We agreed to exchange the Resist list with South End Press who are doing an Xmas gift book mailing.

* Loan Fund - We have a healthy loan fund of \$2540.00. WIN is almost all paid up and CARD paid us back plus \$40.

* Interns - A team of UMass/Boston students will be working as interns for Resist, organizing a listing of progressive foundations in the U.S., cross referenced by region and category. This information will be extremely helpful when groups consult with us about grant possibilities.

* Next meetings - We scheduled the next two meetings: The next is on Jan. 15th at George Vickers's in New York City, and the following one will be on Feb. 19 in Boston at Kate's house..

* Board Packet - Enclosed is a business reply envelope. Please let us know if you want a complete board packet. Otherwise you'll only get the cover letter. We're trying to cut down on the enormous xeroxing and mailing costs.

GRANTS

1. San Jose Peace Center (San Jose, CA) - \$240 for purchase of film on non-violent alternatives. At Paul's suggestion we decided to tell this group that we hoped they would deal with the realities of war in places like Central America in their workshops and in their overall organizing efforts.
3. NY CIRCUS, (NYC) - \$200 for the publication of a book on the ideological struggle within the churches.
4. United League of Holmes County (Lexington, MS) - \$400 for community organizing efforts around legal rights.
7. Red River Valley Peace Workers (North Dakota) - \$210 for 6 months of their newsletter. We decided to give them another \$210 in 6 months--
12. Women's Video Collective (Somerville, MA) - \$250 to cover expenses of a PBS video tape on the Women's Peace Encampment.
13. Northwest Draft Counseling Center (Portland, OR) - \$500 Z money for counter-recruitment and draft counseling in high schools. We set aside \$350 in case Z money doesn't come through.
14. R.I. VOICE (Warwick, RI) - \$250 to go towards type-setting machine that will lead to self-sufficiency.
17. Middle East Task Force (Boston Mobe) - \$461.20 for slide show.
18. Community Press Features (Boston MA) - \$390 for mailing to student and labor newspapers.

REJECTIONS

5. Campaign Against Military Intervention in the Phillipines (NYC)-- Post-card campaign is not Resist priority. We'll tell them to reapply for another project.
8. Friends of the Earth (SF, CA) - too big of a project for Resist
11. Non-Violence Project (Albany, NY) - seemed like a one-shot deal. Not a Resist priority.
15. Grassroots International (Cam., MA) - does good work but Resist doesn't fund relief organizations.
16. Citizens Clearinghouse for Harardous Wastes (Virginia)- good group but we funded them 5 months ago
19. George Wiley Center - (Pawtucket RI) - We gave them a grant about 5 months ago and we were also concerned that they need to come up with a plan that will to a stabilization of their finances.

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Postponments

2. UNA SOLA TRINCHERA: A politicized Grammar (Managua, Nicaragua) - Wayne is going to have the book checked out and Louie is looking into finding leftist Spanish teachers who could help out.

9. R.I. Mobe (Providence, RI) - Need more info

10. Students for Peace (Wilmington, DE) - need more info

Emergency Grants

Packard Manse Media Project (Stoughton, MA) - \$100 for producing a slide show on the connections between U.S. intervention and nuclear war.

National CARD (Wash, DC) - \$100 for used typewriter

Loans

National CARD (Wash, D.C.) - \$500

Altogether we gave away \$2,951.20 in grants and \$500 in loans.

DON'T FORGET : Next meeting at George Vickers' in NYC on Jan. 15

** Let us know if you want a board packet.

My Best from the Office,


Ken Tangvik

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NEXT RESIST BOARD MEETING IS NOVEMBER 20TH, 11:00 AM AT PAM CHAMBERLAIN'S 65 ANTRIM ST., CAMBRIDGE. Telephone is 617-864-2992

AGENDA ITEMS

****New board members.** Ken, Kate and Meredith have discussed the need to recruit new board members from the Black and Hispanic communities around Boston. We all feel that we need to discuss this at the board meeting. Any input from board members who will not be there is welcome.

****Staff salaries.** There's been some discussion of the need for an annual salary increase beyond the cost of living raise. Some of this discussion has taken place between Meredith and Ken with input from Louis and Kate. Nothing has been agreed upon.

****Party Report.**

****Grants.** We are waiting for some new mailings to start coming in. Money depends on whether we've started to receive returns before the meeting. Considering this we will have anywhere from \$2,000 to \$4,000 to spend at the meeting.

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19640 over last yr.
2540 to grants
6000 to grants, st...
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pledges 230-250
4 < 136
2300 mailing list*

1. San Jose Peace Center (San Jose, CA) - \$335 to cover the cost of purchasing (renting?) Alternatives to Violence Video Forum and producing a slideshow on local direct actions.

2. UNA SOLA TRINCHERA: A Politicized Grammar. (Nicaragua) - \$500 to use towards the costs of publishing a grammar book for individuals learning Spanish. The proceeds for the book will go to the Ministry of Education in Managua. The book will be published in Nicaragua. We have a rough draft of the book to bring to the board meeting.

3. NY CIRCUS (NYC) = \$300 to be used for production costs of a book titled The Neo-Conservative Offensive: The Churches of the United States and the Ideological Struggle Against Latin America.

4. United League of Holmes County (Lexington, MS) - \$500 for their essay writing contest (again).

5. Campaign Against Military Intervention in the Phillipines (NYC) - \$500 for a postcard campaign.

6. Packard Manse Media Project (Stoughton, MA) - \$500 seed money to distribute recordings and videos of the Deadly Connection Conference (to December 10, 1983 at Wesleyan)

7. Redd River Valley Peace Workers (East Grand Forks, MN) - \$420 to help publish one year of their newsletter.

8. Friends of the Earth (SF, CA) - \$43,798 for a directory of groups around the world who work with native peoples. ???????? I think this is a liitle over our heads and I'll tell them so.

9. RI Mobilization for Survival (Providence, RI) - A matching grant to help them expand their public education activities during 1983-84

10. Students for Peace (Wilmington DE) - This is leftover from the last meeting. We're making some progress in contacting them.

11. Nonviolence Project (Albany, NY) - \$475 for a lecture series entitled "Winds of the People".

12. Women's Video Collective (Cambridge, MA) - \$500 to help pay debts incurred while producing a documentary for PBS on the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice. We gave this group \$160 in emergency money so they could buy video cassettes to film the Peace Encampment.

13. Northwest Draft Counseling Center (Portland, OR) - \$1,000 for draft counseling in Oregon and Southern Washington.

14. RI Voice (Warwick, RI) - \$500 towards cost of typesetting machine.

15. Grassroots International (Cambridge, MA) - Any amount toward start-up costs for this relief organization.

16. Citizen's Clearing House for Hazardous Wastes, INC. (Arlington, VA) - \$685 to install 3 new phones. We gave this group \$300 in June.

17. Middle East Anti-Intervention Task Force of Boston MFS (Cambridge) - \$461.20 for production of a slide-tape show on the Middle East.

18. Community Press Features (Boston) - \$500 for a direct mail campaign. We rejected this group at our last meeting and they have re-submitted their proposal taking our suggestions/criticisms into consideration.

19. George A. Wiley Center (Pawtucket, RI) - \$450 to help with staff salaries. We funded this group in May.

That's it for now. See you all on the 20th. If you won't be there, please send in your proxy. They are useful.

20. Prison Conference - Barry Phillips

Meredith

21. Nat. CARD

22. Arms Collective

1. San Jose Peace Center ~~\$240~~ (Y) _____ N _____ MAYBE *But find discouraging abstract
emph. on n-v - ignoring real
3rd-world struggles.*
2. Spanish Grammar _____ Y _____ N _____ MAYBE (POST) *would like to see book*
3. NY Circus \$200 (Y) _____ N _____ MAYBE *modest request - very important to get
done. Do they have translation?*
4. United League \$400 (Y) _____ N _____ MAYBE *\$100 taken*
5. Campaign Against Military Intervention in the Phillipines _____ Y _____ (N) _____ MAYBE *Through it is
suspicious
of the
idea of
post cards.*
6. Packard Manse Media _____ Y _____ (N) _____ MAYBE *\$250-300*
7. Red River Valley Peace Workers \$100 (Y) _____ N _____ MAYBE *2 x 210*
8. Friends of the Earth _____ Y _____ (N) _____ MAYBE *- M*
9. RI MObe _____ Y _____ (N) _____ MAYBE *- very big \$ - Post*
10. Students for Peace _____ Y _____ (N) _____ MAYBE *- Post*
11. Nonviolence Project _____ Y _____ (N) _____ MAYBE
12. Women's Video Collective \$250 (Y) _____ N _____ MAYBE *250 matching \$*
13. Northwest Draft Counseling Center [350] (Y) _____ N _____ MAYBE *\$350*
14. RI VOICE \$250 (Y) _____ N _____ MAYBE
15. Grassroots International _____ Y _____ (N) _____ MAYBE
16. Citizen's Clearing House _____ Y _____ (N) _____ MAYBE *- Don't need us*
17. Middle East Task Force \$461.20 (Y) _____ N _____ MAYBE
18. Community Press Features \$390 (Y) _____ N _____ MAYBE
19. George Wiley Center _____ Y _____ N _____ MAYBE *- How will they get out
of hole?*

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