Resist Board Meeting, Oct. 20, 1984

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AGENDA FOR RESIST BOARD MEETING

NEXT RESIST BOARD MEETING IS APRIL 8, 1984 at WAYNE O'NEIL'S:
31 BOURNSIDE ST, DORCHESTER, MA at 11 AM. PHONE # 617-288-1017

**New Board Members: Some progress is being made in acquiring new board members although none so far are women of color. Louis has approached Tess Ewing a Boston labor activist and Ken has contacted a Latin American activist who is also interested. More names have come up and we should continue our discussion at the meeting. In the meantime we're still waiting to hear from the rest of you. Let's get the ball rolling!**

**Office Report:** The revised brochure is at the printer (finally). We decided to print 5,000 copies since it will save us several pennies per brochure and we plan to mail all of these by the beginning of the summer if all goes as planned. Despite the overall cost of mailing this many pieces, some bills have been paid in advance and we should still have about $5,000 to give at this meeting. Remember when reading over the grant proposals that our maximum grant is now $600.

**Proxys** are enclosed for all of you who can't make it to Boston board meetings. We want to hear from you. Please take a couple of hours to read over the packet and let us know your opinions where these proposals are concerned.

*****GRANTS*****

Women/Feminist

1. Asian Sisters in Action (Boston area) - $400 to help fund conference on Asian women and empowerment which will include workshops on dealing with racism Grassroots organizing, and "why be political."

Disarmament/Anti-Draft

2. Nonviolence Preparers Collective (Portland, OR) - $600 to cover six months salary for staff person.

3. Next Year Mobilization for Survival (NYC)- Seed money for a local Deadly Connections Campaign.

4. Weapons Facilities Conversion Network (Syracuse, NY) - $300 to help fund outreach for conference on "Nonviolent Action in the Movement for Peace and Social Justice" to be held on April 6-8

5. Rocky Mountain Peace Center (Boulder, CO) - $500 to help cover operational expenses.

6. Resource Center for Nonviolence (Santa Cruz, CA) - $500-1,000 to fund tour of two activists from Yesh G'vul.
7. Community Film (Ann Arbor, MI) - $450 to hire a Negative Cutter for a film on draft registration

8. MCMC and the NLG (Chicago, IL) - $400 to publicize availability of a manual titled "Fighting Back: Handling Lesbian and Gay Draft, Military and Veterans Cases."

9. South Orange Co. Draft Counseling Center (San Clemente, CA) - $1,000 to help fund this draft counseling center.

Central America Solidarity

10. Casa El Salvador - Farabundo Marti (Boston) $500 to help purchase a VHS player.

11. Alianza Latina Americana (SF, CA) - Any amount to help purchase office and computer equipment.

12. Campus Action (Richmond, CA) - $500 toward six-months budget.

13. Friends of Nicaraguan Culture (SF, CA) - $500 to help cover costs of printing a pamphlet on the press in Nicaragua. This was postponed from the last meeting.

14. US Out of Central America (NYC) - $500 to cover the costs of obtaining simultaneous translation equipment for a May 1984 conference on US Foreign Policy.

15. CASA El Salvador - Farabundo Marti (NYC) Any amount to help fund two issues of the newsletter El Salvador's Link.

Labor

16. Tennessee COSH (Knoxville, TN) - $500 for a slide/tape player. We recommended this group to the Ferry's for a grant for their booklet "A worker's Guide to Information Sources on Occupational Safety and Health" a few years ago - they received $1,000.

17. The Fund for Labor Defense, Inc. (NYC)- Any amount to help toward $15,000 needed for matching grant from the National Community Funds.

18. Southern California Unions for Jobs with Peace (LA, CA) - Different people and different project but related to the grant for the same group that we turned down at our last meeting. I decided to include it since I haven't checked them out enough yet to rule it out.

Middle East

19. Grassroots International (Cambridge, MA) - $500-1,000 to help with campaign for Peace in Lebanon Week. Rumor has it that they just received a large grant from another source but I haven't substantiated that yet.

20. Women for Women in Lebanon (Cambridge, MA) - $610 for slide show on Arab women.

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Community Organizing

21. **Community Voice (Providence, RI)** - $500 to help put collective on firm financial footing.

22. Fund for Community Progress (Providence, RI) - $500 to pay for a two year audit so they can solicit pay roll deductions from state employees.

23. Peaslee Development Committee (Cincinnati, OH) - $500 to organize a fundraising drive aimed at purchasing a closed down school building in Over-the-Rhine in Cincinnati.

Student Organizing

24. Students' Alliance for our Future (Boston) - Any amount to help high school students hold a rally in Government Center in Boston.

25. Student/Teacher Organization to Prevent Nuclear War (Northfield, MA) - $500 to help this group move their national office to Chicago.

Misc.

26. Law Office (Chicago) - To help cover costs incurred when compiling a report on the conditions in Marion Federal Prison.

27. Northland Poster Collective (Minneapolis, MN) - Seed Money to develop a national mail order distribution system for progressive posters and cards.

28. African People's Socialist Party (Oakland, CA) - $500 to coordinate a summer project aimed at developing self-reliance programs for the Black community of Oakland.

That's it for this time, we hope. Please remember to send in or phone in your proxies if you can't make it to the meeting. We are counting on you. See you April 8th.

Best from here,

[Signature]

Meredith
Resist Board Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 20 11:00 a.m.
At Tess Ewing's 104 Auburn
Cambridge, MA 02139 661-2064

Agenda:

Grant Proposals:

SOLIDARITY GROUPS

1. NEST (Berkeley, CA) - $500 for printing costs for booklet
2. Venceremos Brigade (Boston, MA) - $600 for slide show on women in Cuba
3. NECAN (Cambridge, MA) - $600 for New England tour.
4. LAGAI (L.A., CA) - $500 for publicity and outreach costs for Nica brigade of gays and lesbians
5. CASA (Boston, MA) - $600 for educational materials
6. Bikes not Bombs (Wash., D.C.) - $600 for brochure
7. CISPE (Oakland, CA) - $10,000 for salary
8. LINK (NY, NY) - any amount for newsletter
9. Honduran Information Center (Cambridge, MA) - $1,200 for rent

WOMEN'S GROUPS

10. Women's Self Defense Alliance (New Haven, Ct.) - $414 for newsletter
11. Women's Dance Health Program (Ithaca, NY) - any amount for program

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING GROUPS

12. Citizens Clearinghouse (Arlington, VA) - any amount for organizing in the South
13. SCCORE - (Sheboygan, WI) $432 for office equipment
14. STOP (Boston, MA) - $600 for typewriter

Miscellaneous Groups

15. NY Street Theatre - $640 to go towards 5 week tour.
16. David Helvarg (San Diego, CA) - $350 for art show

17. Child-care Employee Project (Berkeley, CA) - $350 for leaflet
18. Star Film Library (Boston, MA) $600 for promotional campaign

PEACE GROUPS
20. Federation for Progress (Gary, IN) - $500 for office equipment
21. Alliance to Counter Militarism (Eugene, OR) - $600 for outreach efforts
22. Pittsburgh Peace Institute - $300 for non-violent workshops
23. Interfaith Peace Council (Boston, MA) - $600 for typewriter
25. NLG (Seattle, WA) - $500 for newsletter
26. Nuclear Exchange (Seattle, WA) - $600 for tabloid on proposed navy base
27. Families for Peace (Seattle, WA) - $200 for leaflet

That's it for now. Out-of-towners, please let us know if you're coming to the meeting or not.

*****AND REMEMBER THIS MEETING IS ON SATURDAY - NOT SUNDAY************

From the office,

Ken Tangvik
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Resist minutes of mtng. on 10/20/84

Present: Meredith, Pam, Wayne, Louie, Ken T. Proxies: Ken H., Paul (Frank's didn't arrive until monday)

Tax-exempt status - We were granted tax exempt status by the IRS. We have to prove to them over the next three months that we are publically supported, but that shouldn't be difficult. We'll talk to our lawyer and accountant. Anyway, any donation to Resist from 4/22 (filing date) is tax exempt. We'll now apply for a special bulk rate from the post office (with tax exempt status it should be no problem) so that our mailing costs will be reduced by 50%, saving us thousands of dollars per year.

finances - We got a little low, but we are entering the good time of year as far as fund-raising goes so we should have a good sum of money to give away at the next several meetings. Nevertheless, we were able to give 3,000 (plus $800 committed towards two monthly newsletters) and $1,000 in 2 money.

typewriter - We agreed to give our used type-writer to Casa Salvador F.M., as there's recently bit the dust.

Mailing list - We agreed to let City-Life use our mailing list (Boston names only)

Mailings - We have 40,000 pieces going out in November to the Guardian, the Progressive (a sample) and ITT. In January we'll send 40,000 pieces to the Nation (we've already tested this and it did very well)

We collected and sent a contribution in lieu of flowers in memory of Tess Ewing's mother who recently passed away to a local freeze group.

Louie suggested we check out getting an insurance policy for the office since we now have a new typewriter.

Staff - Ken will be leaving the Resist staff next Sept. It will be two and a half years for me and I'm beginning to feel a little isolated being is this office all the time. I'll either teach full time at Roxbury Community College or continue part-time and do some kind of local community organizing. I would like to remain on the board. Meredith would like to take the summer off and return to work at Resist part-time in September. What this means is that we'll have to hire a new full-time staff person in May. This person will work with Both Meredith and I during part of May. I will continue to train this person over the summer and Meredith and the new person will work together from September on. We'll probably start advertising in Feb.
Grants:

1. NEST (Berkeley, CA) - $350 for printing booklet
2. NECAN (Boston, MA) - $350 for New England tour
3. LAGAI (S.F., CA) - $400 for lesbian/gay brigade to Nica
4. Honduras Info Center (Boston, MA) - $100 token
5. Women's Self Defense Alliance (New Haven Ct) - $100 x 4 for newsletter if they check out
6. Federation for Progress (Gary IN) - $350 for office equipment.
7. Alliance to Counter Militarism (eugene, OR) - $500 for outreach efforts.
8. San Diego Draft Resistance - $350 for brochure
9. NLG (Seattle, WA) - $100 x 5 for newsletter.
10. Nuclear Exchange (Seattle, WA) - $300 for tabloid
11. STOP (Boston, MA) - $500 Z for typewriter
12. Child-care Employee Project (Berkeley, CA) - $500 Z for brochure

Rejections:

1. Venceremos Brigade (Boston, MA) - people weren't very impressed with their slide shows and their work in general.
2. CASA (Boston, MA) - Although we think very highly of their work, we can't support their general expenses. We'll only fund specific projects or office equipment, etc.
3. Bikes not Bombs (Wash. D.C.) - Creative idea, good project, but we just don't have the funds to give them. We'll write about them in our newsletter to help them with outreach.
4. LINK (NY, NY) - good work, but not a priority
5. Women's Dance Health Program (Ithaca, NY) - good group but they need to send an appropriate proposal.
6. Citizens' Clearinghouse (Arlington, VA) - they called us and said they didn't need a grant because they just received some big foundation support.
7. SCOCRE (Sheboygan, WI) - They are getting 25,000 in grants from other sources.
8. N.Y. ST. Theatre - great stuff but not a Resist priority.
9. European Peace Group (Wash. D.C.) - we don't give travel expenses
10. Pittsburgh Peace Institute - not a Resist priority
11. Interfaith Peace Council (Boston, MA) - can get church money

12. Families for Peace (Seattle, WA) - It's good for parents to get together, but not a Resist priority.

Postponed-

1. CISPES (Oakland, CA) - They asked for 10,000. We'll see if there is something specific they need.

2. Star Film (Boston, MA) - we'll offer them a loan. IF they don't want it, we will reconsider at next meeting.

3. Photo Show (L.A., CA) - Need more info. Where will they go with it?

Emergency grants-

1. Massachusetts Contingency Plan for Central America (Boston, MA) - $100 for mailing to organize civil disobedience in case of invasion of Central America.

next meeting;

December 2, Sunday at Wayne O'neils in Boston

From the office,