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BOARD PACKET - RESIST MEETING 12/9/84 (Note change in date) at Wayne O'Neil's, 31 Bournside St., Dorchester Tel: 617-288-1017. Please call the office if you plan on attending the meeting.

AGENDA

*Finances - update

*New Staff - we need to set up a schedule and/or committee to deal with hiring a new staff person by May 1985.

*Mailings - update

GRANTS

We have or will have plenty of money to give away at the meeting. We can plan on up to \$600 for any given group.

Anti-Military

1. Arc (San Francisco, CA) - Their proposal is for protest events to be staged at Site 300, a components testing facility of Lawrence Livermore Labs. Any part of \$3,000.

2. Minute til Midnight (Springfield, MO) - \$600 to hire a part-time organizer. This group works for advocacy of the Nuclear Freeze and education in areas of peace and justice.

3. Military Law Task Force of the NLG(San Diego, CA) - \$500 "seed grant" to help start military counseling and organizing efforts around the country.

4. Pittsburgh Educators for Social Responsibility (PA) - \$300 to cover costs of printing and mailing brochure to advertise "Teaching Critical Thinking in the Nuclear Age" an all day workshop for teachers.

5. Nukewatch (Madison, WI) - \$500 to get H-Bomb Truck Watch Project off the ground.

6. The Nerve Center (Berkeley, CA) - \$500 to pay production costs of issue number two of UNMASK, a newsletter on binary nerve gas.

Family Violence/Incest

7. Family Center (Springfield, MO) - \$600 to increase professional staff to 3/4 time. The Family Center is a shelter and counseling center for victims of family violence.

8. Incest Survivors Information Exchange (New Haven, CT) - I.S.I.E. is a newsletter put out by incest survivors. They want \$300 to send out 3 issues of the newsletter.

Literature and Media

9. Anti-Racism Literature Project (Brooklyn, NY) - \$850 to print two pamphlets "South Africa Information Packet" and "Strategies for Central American Solidarity: The Question of Racism".

10. Art Show (San Diego, CA) - This one is left from the last meeting because we needed more info. The Request is for \$350 to put together a show of photos by John Hoagland who was killed in El Salvador.

11. Movement for a New Society (Boston) - Betsy Wright received seed money from MNS to publish Multinational Corporations Study Guide. She's asking us for \$350 for publicity for the guide - we'll bring a copy of it to the meeting.

12. Star Film Library (Boston) - Star requested a grant at the last meeting and we decided that we would loan a them \$500 instead. Because of their difficult financial situation, they've asked us to reconsider the grant (instead of a loan).

Solidarity - Including Central America

13. Madre (NYC) - \$4000 to purchase a computer/word processor. We'll let them know that it is out of our range and ask if they have a project that might be more within our price range.

14. CISPES (NYC) - \$3225.00 to purchase computer hardware??? Ditto the above.

15. Washington Office on Haiti (Washington, DC) - \$600 to help finance newsletter which is 8,000 copies and costs \$1510 per issue.

16. CISPES (Oakland, CA) - This is leftover from last meeting because more info is needed (it's still needed).

17. Sanctuary Education Committee (Greater Boston) - Any amount to help with annual budget of \$7000.

18. Central American Resource Center (Austin, TX) - \$500 toward projected \$10,000 for pro bono refugee legal fund.

Community Organizing, Services and Support

19. Childcare Employee Project (Berkeley, CA) - We referred this group to the Ferry's at the last meeting because I said "They never turn us down." Well they turned us down. They're not interested in this type of project and we didn't set aside any money for them because I said "The Ferry's never turn us down."

20. ~~Julie Community Center (Boston)~~ *Multicultural Education Training and Advocacy Project (Boston)* - \$600 for advertising and technical costs for multi cultural event which will include Amiri and Amini Baraka, June Jordan, Martin Espada, Roberto Vargas, Jean-Claude Martineau, Matias Pasos, and Gil Raldiris. Co-sponsors include Latino Students Assoc. of Northeastern Law School and BU's Division of Fine Arts.

21. SOC (Louisville, KY) - This request is for "at least" \$500 to hold a conference which will follow up on the conference they held last year. The focus is linking traditional peace

groups with groups working for social justice in the south.

22. Julie Community Center (Baltimore, MD) - Any amount toward budget of \$15,488.00.

23. People's Institute for Survival and Beyond (New Rochelle, NY) - \$1000 to help support 1985 training program and to establish and administrative office. Since 1980 the People's Institute has conducted training sessions in community organization, leadership development etc.

24. Sanoma Rainbow Coalition (Santa Rosa, CA) - \$268 for VOTE 84 Rally which was held on Nov. 3. They knew our meeting wasn't until December but wanted to be considered for funding retroactively.

25. Women's Dance Health Program (Ithaca, NY) - This is leftover from the last meeting. They're looking for funding for the breast milk contamination study which is taking place at the St. Regis Reservation in upstate NY.

26. Municipal Power Advocacy Coalition (Hingham, MA) - \$600 to finance campaign to oppose additional financing of Seabrook. They've received \$2,000 from Haymarket and plan to raise the additional \$1500 they need through new members and other fundraising activities.

That's it for this month. See you all (?) on December 9th.

Meredith

PROXY SHEET

1. Arc _____ Y _____ N _____ M
2. Minute Til Midnight _____ Y _____ N _____ M
3. Military Law Task Force _____ Y _____ N _____ M
4. Pittsburgh ESR _____ Y _____ N _____ M
5. Nukewatch _____ Y _____ N _____ M
6. The Nerve Center _____ Y _____ N _____ M
7. Family Center _____ Y _____ N _____ M
8. Incest Survivors Info Exchange _____ Y _____ N _____ M
9. Anti-Racism Lit Project _____ Y _____ N _____ M
10. Art Show _____ Y _____ N _____ M
11. Movement for a New Society _____ Y _____ N _____ M
12. Star Film Library _____ Y _____ N _____ M
13. Madre _____ Y _____ N _____ M
14. CISPES (NY) _____ Y _____ N _____ M
- 15 Washington Office on Haiti _____ Y _____ N _____ M
16. CISPES (Oakland) _____ Y _____ N _____ M
17. Sanctuary Ed Committee _____ Y _____ N _____ M
18. Central American Resource Center _____ Y _____ N _____ M
19. Childcare Employee Project _____ Y _____ N _____ M
20. Multicultural Education Training and Advocacy _____ Y _____ N _____ M
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MINUTES FOR RESIST BOARD MEETING 12/9/84. Present were Louis, Pam, Tess, Wayne, Ken H., Ken T., Meredith and Tim Wilkins (our intern from Harvard).

****Amanda Claiborne** has decided to no longer be a member of the Resist board. We appreciate all the work Amanda - and her mother - have done for Resist over the years and we'll miss her. The brochure however, lives on!

****Tax-Exempt** - we discussed the possibility of letting other groups use Resist as a tax-exempt conduit i.e. we large contributions could come through us so groups could solicit tax-exempt contributions from donors. We decided to set a limit of \$100-\$600 which is usual amount we give in grants. We will however talk to other groups who do this and find out what the bookkeeping responsibilities are etc. We may consider taking a percentage to offer this fee but would rather not.

****Mailings** -our biggest mailing ever went out at the end of November, 41,000 pieces! It's started coming in already and we've been able to pay back \$2,000 of the cost to the loan fund. Another 40,000 pieces will be going out in January. If any of you are lucky enough to be Nation subscribers, you will get the improved brochure and envelope in the mail.

****Postal rate** - we applied, and were turned down for obviously bogus reasons, for tax-exempt postal rates. The Postmaster had problems with our papers which were approved by both the State of MA and the IRS. We will appeal and, if necessary, with the help of our lawyer.

****Staff** - we formed a committee made up of Ken H., Ken T., Wayne and Meredith to discuss staff hiring. We will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

****Next Meeting** - January 20th at Tess Ewing's, 104 Aubrun, Cambridge, MA.

Grants

1. Arc (San Francisco) - We set aside \$400 but want to check them out more. They were in the middle of an action at Livermore Labs the week before the meeting and Ken was unable to talk to them about their proposal.

2. Minute to Midnight - (Springfield, MO) - \$350 if not for any other reason except geography. They want to change their name to Ozark Peace Coalition (UGH), we felt that we should only give them money if they kept their name the way it is (only kidding).

3. Military Law Task Force (San Diego) - \$500 "Z" money. We also set aside \$500 in case the Ferry's turn us down.

5. Nukewatch (Madison, WI) - \$400 for the H-Bomb truck watch project.
6. Nerve Center (Berkeley, CA) - This is a good group, we funded them in the past for their brochure which is really nice. This time round we gave them \$400 for one issue of their Newsletter.
9. Anti-Racism Literature Project (Brooklyn, NY) - Norm Fruchter gave a good recommendation for this group and we liked most of the literature they sent us. We gave them \$300 for their work on Central America Solidarity and Racism and the piece on South Africa.
12. Star Film Library (Boston) - After discovering they Star only received half the grant money they expected for the year we decided to convert their loan of \$500 from the last meeting to a grant for \$400 and a loan of \$100
13. Madre (NYC) - They asked for funding for a computer which isn't quite in our ball park. So we gave them \$400 toward the cost of the typewriter which they recently had to purchase. A note of interest is that they are getting a computer through a college teacher who works with them, so their computer will be about 1/2 the retail cost. Keep this in mind when groups you work with are looking for hardware.
14. Cispes (NYC) - I suggested that they do the same thing Madre has done. They've already raised \$800 toward the cost of the computer. We gave them \$400 to help them along. This really will be a help if they're able to get one at half price.
18. Central America Resource Center (Austin, TX) - \$400 to help them raise money for their pro-bono fund. If they are not interested in a grant for this purpose, we'll consider funding their Central America Directory at the next meeting.
19. Child Care Employee Project (Berkeley, CA) - we referred them for "Z" money at the last meeting and the Z's told us they weren't interested so we gave this group \$500.
20. META Project (Multicultural Education Training and Advocacy Project- Boston) - \$350 for sound system for recent multicultural event in Boston.
21. Southern Organizing Committee (Louisville, KY) - \$500 for follow up conference to conference we funded last year.
22. Julie Community Center (Baltimore, MD) - \$200 for community organizing on the issue of displacement.
25. Women's Dance Health Project (Ithaca, NY) - \$300 to help with fundraising for Breast Milk Contamination Study at Akwesasne Reservation in upstate NY.
26. Municipal Power and Advocacy Coalition (Hingham, MA) - These are old clamshell people still fighting to close Seabrook and it looks like they might. \$400.

Postponements

8. Incest Survivors Information Exchange (New Haven, CT) - We want to check around to see if this is just a support newsletter that they want funding for or if this group deals with the politics of incest.
23. Peoples' Institute for Survival and Beyond (New Rochelle, NY) - We want to see a rough draft of their brochure before we decide to give them any money.
15. Washington Office on Haiti (DC) - Want to see a newsletter and learn a little more about the politics of this group before we fund them.
17. Sanctuary Education Committee (Cambridge, MA) - There was never anyone in their office to answer the phone when I tried to contact them - that in itself is a real problem. We need more info.
24. Sonoma County Rainbow Coalition (Santa Rosa, CA) - They want to send us a new proposal.

Rejections

4. Pittsburgh ESR (PA) - Teachers organizing teachers around curriculum is not a priority for us. And Pittsburgh is not a political desert. If they develop a new project that breaks some ground they can come to us.
7. Family Center (Springfield, MO) - They get \$22,000 from the Feds and \$11,000 from the United Way. ENough said.
10. Art Show (San Diego) - This is a show of pictures of El Salvador without any political commentary. Hoaglands photos have been on cover of Newsweek etc., this type of show is not going to make them any more accessible to the public.
11. Movement for a New Society (Bosoton) - Study guide is interesting but they should be able to fund it themselves.

Cancelled

16. Cispes (Oakland) - Two meetings have gone by and they haven't repsonded to our initial letter of inquiry.

So, we gave away @\$6,000. A record? Anyway, that is a lot of money. We should congratulate ourselves. The February newsletter will have a list of grants for the year and we should have a full financial report (thanks to the ocmputer) for 1984 at the next meeting.

Best from here,

Meredith