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Board Meeting - March 3rd, 11AM

Pam Chamberlain's

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AGENDA

****New Staff/Old Staff** - Ken started working full-time at Roxbury Community College (he's now a real professor) so we've had to revise some of the hiring plans made at the last meeting. Ads have gone out to GCN, Guardian and Community Jobs. The deadline for resumes is April 8th and would be nice to hire someone by early- mid May. So, we need to find out who will be available to be on the hiring committee. (job description attached, also see minutes from last meeting)

****Interns and Work Study** - we have and intern from Tufts and two work study students from UMass. Two of those will probably be at the upcoming board meeting.

**** The subject of board members** was brought up, again, at the last meeting. People felt we should talk about what our individual and collective idea of board members is. i.e. What are we looking for in new board members?

GRANTS

Cultural Work

1. Green Mountain Post Films (Turner Falls, MA) - \$600 to subsidize grassroots showings or advertising of the film "Secret Agent" which is about dioxin, agent orange and Vietnam Vets.
2. Redwood Records (Oakland, CA) - \$500 to produce and distribute a 10 minute radio interview tape with Nicaraguan musicians whose albums will soon be released in the US.
3. David Benevente (NY and Chile) - David is a Chilean playwright who makes videotaped plays of people's day-day lives in Chile. He's looking for funds to do and English dubbing for a film which will be distributed by Icarus (I think).

Peace

4. National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (Boston) - NWTRCC is requesting funding for one of three projects: Expanding the War Tax Resistance network, producing issue oriented brochures or producing a training manual for counselors and attorneys.
5. Spring Peace and Justice Mobilization (Cambridge, MA) - This is from the last meeting, we had some follow up questions. I'll be talking to two people from the Mobilization tomorrow.

6. Clergy and Laity Concerned (Eugene, OR) - Funding for a regional Deadly Connections conference.
7. Maine War Tax Resistance (Orono, ME) - \$225 toward 1985 budget of \$450 (!!!!!!).

Miscellaneous Publications

8. Intervention Magazine (NY, NY) -\$600 to fund an op-ed newspaper service. Proposal is at end of packet since it wasn't included in original xeroxing.
9. Informe Columbian (NY, NY) - \$600 for ads to run in Guardian, Mother Jones, The Progressive, the Nation and other publications. Also they want to send a special mailing to libraries and institutions.
10. Liberia Alert (Glassboro, NJ) - established to monitor human rights violations in Liberia, they are requesting any amount toward a start-up budget of \$2937.

Central America Support

11. Religious Task Force on Central America (Washington, DC) - \$300 to computerize their mailing list.
12. Green Valley Filma and Art Center (Burlington, VT) - \$600 for a videotape of the people of Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua to promote the Sister City relationship between Puerto Cabezas and Burlington.
13. Cispes (New Orleans, LA) - \$600 for southeast regional conference on Central America - Agenda included in packet.
14. The Seattle Committee of Teachers in Solidarity with Andes (Seattle, WA) - \$500 for west coast tour of five teachers from Central America which will take place in April.
15. Bay Area Construction Brigade to Nicaragua (Berkeley, CA) - It looks like they want any amount toward their \$8400 budget.
16. XChange TV(NY, NY)-We heard from this group last time but couldn't contact them because they were out of the country. They'll be sending us an update on their work.
17. Central America Refugee Center (LA, CA) - we funded a group by the same name in Long Island last month. They want \$600 to publish their 1st update on Marta Alicia Rivera.
18. Ecumenica Immigration Services (New Orleans, LA) - They asking for our generous donation "once again" though I've never heard of them before. They want funding toward their \$41,000 budget.
19. Emergency Response Network (San Francisco, cA) - \$2500 to finish Pledge of Resistance Campaign manual.
20. Central America Week Task Force of CASA (Cambridge, MA) - \$600 for an educaiton tabloid for Central Amer. Week.

Women's Projects:

21. Alliance Against Women's Oppression(JP, MA) - Funding for an International Women's Day celebration to take place March 3rd at Roxbury Community College,

22. Rape Crisis Center (New Haven, CT) - \$1000 for Take Back The Night Coalition to provide information on the lack of safety for women in New Haven.

23. Spanish Education for Women (Washington, DC) - \$425 toward outreach and program development for the next six months.

Miscellaneous

24. Sanoma County Rainbow Coalition(Santa Rosa, CA) - \$600 to start publishing a monthly newsletter.

25. Viet Nam Trial Support Committee (Washington, DC) - \$500 to continue work of supporting the political and legal rights of David Truong.

26. Progressive Student Network (Iowa City, IA) - Any amount toward \$1680 for publishing PSN NEWS. I have copies for people to look at.

27. Refuse(Brooklyn, NY) - \$500 for graduate student newspaper at Ctiy University.

28. Jamaica Plain Central America Solidarity Committee (JP, MA) - \$600 for Multi-Cultural Concert to take place at JP high on March 21st.

That's it. If you're not going to be at the meeting, please, please fill out the attached proxy sheet and enclose it in the accompanying business reply envelope. Thank you very much.

Meredith

Proxy Sheet for March 3rd Meeting

1. Green Mountain Films _____Y_____N_____M
2. Redwood Records _____Y_____N_____M
3. David Benavente _____Y_____N_____M
4. NWTRCC _____Y_____N_____M
5. Spring Peace and Just.Mobil. _____Y_____N_____M
6. CALC _____Y_____N_____M
7. Maine WTR _____Y_____N_____M
8. Intervention _____Y_____N_____M
9. Informe Columbiano _____Y_____N_____M
10. Liberia Alert _____Y_____N_____M
11. RTFCA _____Y_____N_____M
12. Green Valley Film _____Y_____N_____M
13. Cispes _____Y_____N_____M
14. Seattle Committee of Teachers _____Y_____N_____M
15. Bay Area Construction _____Y_____N_____M
16. XChange TV _____Y_____N_____M
17. Central Aemrica Refugee Ctr. _____Y_____N_____M
18. Ecumenical Immigration _____Y_____N_____M
19. Emergency Response Network _____Y_____N_____M

20. CASA _____Y_____N_____M

21. Alliance Against Women's Oppression _____Y_____N_____M

22. Rape Crisis Center _____Y_____N_____M

23. Spanish Education for Women _____Y_____N_____M

24. Sanoma County Rainbow Coalition _____Y_____N_____M

25. Viet Nam Trial Cttee _____Y_____N_____M

26. PSN News _____Y_____N_____M

27. Refuse _____Y_____N_____M

28. JP Central America Coalition _____Y_____N_____M

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MINUTES FOR RESIST BOARD MEETING - 3/3/85. Present were Pam, Wayne, Louis, Rene, Ken T., Meredith, Tess and Andrea De Rochi, our Tufts intern.

**A staff hiring committee has been set up which will include Wayne, Louis, Meredith and either Kate or Pam, depending on whether Kate is interested in returning to work with Resist at this time and is interested in being on the hiring committee. We decided that one staff should be a voting member of the hiring committee but that both of us should participate in the interviewing process. Deadline for applications for the new position is April 8th. Ads have been placed in The Guardian, Community Jobs, and Gay Community News. We will be sending an ad to In These Times.

**Pam raised the question of new board members. Based on age-old discussions, the questions were: Do we need new board members and does anyone have conflicts about how we go about getting them. Several suggestions were agreed upon in relation to dealing with these questions. 1.) That we write up a job description for board members 2.) that once the staff situation is in hand, that we form a committee to actively and systematically recruit new board members. More about this in a couple of months.

** Since we are now an organization with a budget over \$100,000 we are required by Massachusetts to get an official audit of our books. Our accountant will be doing this audit and charging us about \$1500. There's no way out of this, unfortunately. If she can get away with doing it for less, she will.

Grants

5. Spring Peace and Justice Mobilization (Cambridge, MA) - We agreed to grant them \$600 toward NE regional organizing and loan them \$1,000 for bus deposits. A letter will also be sent to be forwarded to the national office, criticizing the action's lack of attention on the Middle East.

7. Maine War Tax Resistance (Orono, ME) - We gave this group what they asked for, \$225 toward annual budget of \$450.

9. Informe Columbiano (NY, NY) \$500 if it checks out that they are non-partisan in their support of the Guerilla Movement in Columbia.

11. Religious Task Force on Central America (Washington, DC) - \$300 to computerize their mailing list.

12. Green Valley Film and Art Center (Burlington, Vt) - \$100 token of support for their sister-city video tape. Plus we will ask them to write a grassroots report for the newsletter.

13. SE Cispes (New Orleans, LA) - \$600 toward deficit of \$700 on their recent Central America conference which was pretty successful and very self-supporting.

14. Seattle Committee of Teachers in Solidarity with Andes(Seattle) - \$400 toward upcoming teachers tour.

17. Carecen (LA, CA) - We'll contact Carlos Otero in LA and see if he's able to raise \$600 locally for this group. If he isn't, we'll grant them \$600.

20. Central America Week Task Force, CASA(Cambridge, MA) - \$600 for Central America Week tabloid.

21. Alliance Against Women's Oppression (Boston) - \$300 for local International Women's Day Celebration.

24. Sonoma County Rainbow Coalition (Santa Rosa, CA) - \$125 twice to fund two issues of their newsletter. If we like the first two issues of the newsletter will consider granting them another \$125 x 2 for two additional issues.

26. Progressive Student Network (Iowa City) - \$200 for student newspaper.

Postponements

4. National War Tax Resistance CC (Cambridge) - this group wants us to act as a fiscal sponsor for their work. We're still trying to contact our lawyer to find out the legal implications of acting as a conduit.

10. Liberia Alert - for more information.

15. Bay Area Construction Brigade to Nicaragua - postponed for more information. Rene will look into this and Meredith will contact references on the west coast.

16. XChange TV - postponed once again since the additional material requested didn't reach us in time for the board meeting.

19. Emergency Response Network (SF, CA) - We decided we want a draft of the booklet they are putting together. We also had political concern about their postulation that the ERN is needed in case of invasion or escalation of war in Nicaragua. *There already has been an invasion and an escalation.*

22. Take Back the Night Coalition (New Haven) - Issue of racism and particular concerns of women of color is not clear in the proposal. Plus this event seems very much like a mainstream feminist event. We want a reference. and more information.

25. Viet Nam Trial Support Committee - this proposal was neglected by the staff but it seems a doubtful project for funding because of the high cost of legal support. We want to find out if they really plan to do outreach and education about this case.

Rejections

1. Green Mountain Post Films (Greenfield, MA) - they ~~could~~ could subsidize rentals of their own films by offering them on a sliding fee scale.

2. Redwood Records (Redwood City, CA) - why was Cultural Work INC. formed if not for this very purpose? Four people at the meeting funded Cultural Work thinking that this was how their money would be used. Shame, shame, shame.

3. David Benavente(Chile) - Mainstream press condemns what's going on in Chile, there's not an overwhelming need for public education.

6. CALC (Oregon) - Several criticisms of this Deadly Connections conference, one being that no where is there any mention of the Middle East in their literature. Since the Middle East is included in the thesis of Michael Klare and others who developed the ^{and central to} idea of Deadly Connections, the oversight on the part of Oregon CALC seems purposeful. The second criticism is that they have no plans to charge a fee for the conference or pre-register people. They expect 200-300 to attend. At \$2-3 per head, they could raise the amount of money they are asking us for.

8. Intervention (NY, NY) - Board felt that in order to make an Op-Ed service work you need to have local connections and personal connections with editors. Also the folks at Intervention discuss intervention including both right and left wing analysis. We don't go for that.

18. Ecumenical Immigration (New Orleans) - not our cup of tea.

23. Spanish Education for Women (Washington) - you don't gotta go to Mexico to learn Spanish.

27. Refuse (NY, NY) - we refused these folks at the last meeting.

Loans and Emergency Grants

Toxic Alert(Cambridge, MA) - \$100 for public forum on Arthur D. Little's use of Nerve Gas at their research facilities in Cambridge.

Militarism Resource Project (Philadelphia) - \$750 loan to do a mailing to the Resist list - we gave them permission to use our list as well.

Total Grants = \$5475
Loans = 1750

**Next meeting will be April 28th at Louis' in Cambridge, MA. Tess, Wayne and I will be meeting in the interim to go over proposals postponed from this meeting and those proposals already in the office that need to be dealt with sooner than 4/28. If you have any input on the postponements listed in these minutes, call the office before 3/18.

**We would like to have the May meeting in NYC at George's (if that's okay with you George) if George, Grace and Frank B. can all be there. I'll be in touch.

**Job description/ad is included with the minutes, pass it on to anyone you think might be interested in the position.

Best from here,

Meredith

Frank B. - thanks for scaring up that valuable directory on alternative funds. We will treasure it and put it to good use. Thanks again for your clandestine efforts!