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AGENDA

** Time limit on Grant re-applications
** Board Outreach report
** Office report

GRANTS

Counter-recruitment Projects

1) Madrona Community Center (Seattle, WA) - $600 request to cover costs of their theater production on community youth, military enlistment and alternatives.

2) Last Chance Peacemakers Coalition (Helena, MT) - $550 requested to help defray CCCO training costs and printing costs of pamphlets for Counter Recruitment Project

3) Western Region Speaking Tour (San Jose, CA) - $ for expenses of the tour on draft resistance. Info to come

Peace/ anti-nuke Projects

4) Nuke Watch (Madison, WI) - $500 request for maps production of underground missile sites

5) Mid-South Peace and Justice Center (Memphis, TN) - $500 request to underwrite expenses for 1985

6) Black Veterans for Social Justice (Brooklyn, NY) - Request of $600 for office and printing expenses. Postponed from last month's meeting.

7) Jobs with Peace Campaign (Phila., PA) - $200 requested for expenses of petition drive of organizing to convert Phila. Naval Shipyard to peace use. Postponed from last month.

Women's Projects

8) Grassroots Group of Second Class Citizens (Champaign, IL)-Request of $600 for flyers for New York action, "Women Take Liberty '86"
9) Feminist Writers Guild (Chicago, IL) - $312 for expenses of "Women Writing in Prison" Project resource packet

**Central and Latin America Support Work**

10) Committee of Solidarity with People of Guatemala (NYC) - $500 request for costs of poster and flyer and for postage for a teach-in on Oct. 26th

11) Salvadoran & Guatemalan Caravan for Peace & Justice in C.A. (Cambridge, MA) - Request of $600 to help cover costs of tour in New England

12) "Other Americas" News Service (Ventura, CA) - $600 requested to help with expenses and production of service on Central America

13) Nicaragua Appropriate Technology Project (Bellingham, WA) - $566 request for production of slide show

14) Casa Nicaragua (NYC) - ?$ for expenses of tour of Nicaraguan performing artists in October. More info to come. Postponed from last month.

15) Fund for Open Information and Accountability (NYC) - $600 request to help publish a fact sheet and chronology on U.S. government secrecy in relation to C.A. New info from them in packet. Postponed from last month's meeting.

16) National Lawyers Guild Chile Task Force (NYC) - $500 for copying and distribution costs of packet on human rights abuses in Chile.

**Miscellaneous**

17) "Dark Side of the Moon" (San Francisco, CA) - Funding for production of this play about a Mexican gay person. Request in proposal too high - more information and specifics have been requested.

18) Indiana Black Prisoners Organization News Service (Indianapolis) - Funds requested for publishing of newsletter. More specifics to come.

19) Harvard Law School Anti-Apartheid Committee (Cambridge, MA) - $300 request towards expenses of national boycott of law students of law firms dealing with South Africa. Postponed from last month.

20) b. u. exposure (Boston, MA) - Request of $472 to cover printing of two emergency issues and for p.o. box costs. Postponed from last month's meeting.

21) MassCOSH (Boston, MA) - At last month's meeting they were offered a loan in lieu of a grant requested for $700. They wanted to re-submit grant request for production of fundraising materials instead. Reasoning is in letter from them dated Sept. 24.

22) ACORN (Boston, MA) - Request of $597 for posters and banners for a city-wide Housing Campaign

**LOAN**

23) Dollars & Sense (Somerville, MA) - Request for a six-month cash-flow loan of $1,000.
That's about it except for an apology for leaving out details of one of the grants made at last month's meeting -
#18 - CASA (Cambridge, MA) - $500 granted for flyers and training costs in conjunction with their work on the October Guatemalan Humanitarian Aid Day.

Sorry about that!

Please mail in your proxies and we'll be getting in touch with the New York City area people about a possible late November-early December board meeting in New York. Hope to see you at a meeting soon.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz
Resist staff
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21) MassCOSH  _____Y_____ N _____ Maybe

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**Finances.** Based on account balance, outstanding bills and accounts receivable on 10/18, our assets were recorded as follows: General Account $2773
Investment Cash $20,612
Loan Fund $4527.25 Less outstanding loans = $3027.25
Petty Cash $35
**Total Assets** = $27,947.58

**Mailings.** @50,000 pieces of mail being dropped on 10/21 using the following lists: National Lawyers Guild, Greensboro Justice Fund, NACLA, Socialist Review, MERIP, 5,000 piece sample to CISPES and 5,000 piece sample to Crossroads Fund list. Also we did a mailing of 600 pieces to a list of names given to us by Resist contributors/newsletter readers. The new/old brochure is included with the minutes.

**Fiscal Sponsorship.** Approved at the last meeting for National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee pending arrangements by the staff. Nancy and I had meetings with both our lawyer and accountant about setting this up so we could provide a tax-exempt umbrella for the NWTRCC as well as other groups. We also had a long conversation and received materials from Capp St. Foundation in CA. The basic draw back to providing fiscal sponsorship to non-tax-exempt groups is that Resist would be held liable for any non-payment of Federal Taxes. Nancy and I are going to work out the details of the FS program and, as in other granting situations, decisions on Sponsors will be made on a case by case bases with much emphasis being placed on "fiscal responsibility."

**Time Limits on Grants.** We made official a fuzzy unofficial policy regarding how often groups can receive a grant. Groups can reapply for a grant one year after receiving a grant. Exceptions may include: task forces/special projects of an organization; regional chapters of one organization i.e. CISPES; groups working on issues prioritized by Resist board. Decisions regarding eligibility when above exceptions are in question will be made by the staff. There's no time limit on reapplication if a group is rejected for a grant.

**Board Outreach.** We have about six application, it's unclear how many of these are from people of color. After reviewing the letters/resumes received, the Board Outreach Committee (Nancy, Kate and Ken H.) will make a recommendation regarding reopening the process. This will depend on how many people of color have applied.
It was felt that the interview process should be the same as that used to interview prospective staff. Tess has agreed to help with the interviewing.

**Newsletter.** Discussion on Mid East and good approach for coverage in the newsletter. Decided to approach Bob Vitalis and/or Maggie Browning to do an interview with a man (name?) from Berzeit University who's in Cambridge.

**Grants.** We made $4200 available for the meeting since one group withdrew their proposal and one request was for a loan.

**GRANTS**

1. Madrona Community Center (Seattle) $300 for costs of theater production on community youth, military enlistment and alternatives.

2. Last Chance Peacemakers (Helena, MT) - $450 for their counter recruitment work. Letter will include suggestion that they contact Lee Armen in Aroostook County, ME who has done similar work in an equally conservative rural area. Will also suggest that they look into forming a Middle East Committee as part of the coalitions work.

4. Nukewatch (Madison, WI) - $350 for Missouri missile silo mapping project and vigil. The H-Bomb Truck postcards this group put out last year as part of the same project seem to have inspired the imagination of a lot of people including the Dead Kennedys who watch for H-Bomb trucks when they're on the road.

8. Grassroots Group of Second Class Citizens (Champaign, IL) - $200 for organizing of action to take place at the statue of liberty (counter-dedication) in August '86. We had questions about their fundraising/organizing strategy and the content of their outreach to women of color in addition to the energy available for this event. We had a long discussion on where feminist activists are putting their energy these days. Grace will write them a letter detailing some of our concerns.

9. Feminist Writers Guild (Chicago) - $200 for work with women writing in prison. Not much of this sort of work is going on for women in prison. We decided to support them even though we had question about where this work is going.

10. Committee in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NYC) - $450 for the Oct. 26 teach-in on Guat. in NYC.

11. Salvadoran and Guatemalan Caravan for Peace in Central America (Cambridge MA) - $400 for the caravan which was successful and well received in New England.

13. Nicaraguan Appropriate Technology Project (Bellingham, WA) - $400 for finalization of slide show to be used for outreach and fundraising to Alternative Tech community in US for work in Nicaragua.

14. Casa Nicaragua (NYC) $200 for promotional work for tour of Nicaraguan performing artists. Discussion on this project focussed
on the question of outreach, who benefits/learns from a tour of this sort. General feeling was that the fact they are doing outreach at all means they will reach some people who haven't been reached before.

15. Fund for open Information and Accountability ((NYC) - Do we need more information on Nicaragua? It was felt that a fact sheet of the sort FOIA does would be very helpful in organizing and educational work. We gave them $200 for the project.

21. MassCOSH (Boston) - $400 to support grant writing work. MassCOSH will have all their federal funding withdrawn by 1986.

22. ACORN (Boston) - $400 for city-wide housing campaign.

Contingency Grants

17 "Dark Side of the Moon" (San Francisco) - $250 set aside for the theater production depending on whether they still need front money for the production which opened 10/18 and if they can give sufficient explanation for inability to get funding from the SF gay community.

Postponements

6. Black Veterans for Social Justice (NYC) - It doesn't seem that this group is really doing much anymore but we didn't want to turn them down until we were able to talk with someone at North Star and a former staff person from CARD.

16. NLG Chile Task Force (NYC) - more info needed.

18. Indiana Black Prisoners News Service (Indianapolis) - More information needed, didn't reply to follow-up letter.

Rejections

3. Western Region Speaking Tour (San Jose, CA) - Doesn't seem a very responsibly organized tour. How can they possibly cover all the ground they have scheduled and really do any kind of decent job?

5. Mid-South Peace and Justice Center (Memphis, TN) - They seem to have done a great job raising money from every religious order and peace foundation which gives grants in their area. We have to reserve our grants for groups who are unable to institute such a successful campaign.

12 "Other Americas" news service (Ventura, CA) - Based on the amount of money they require, a grant from Resist is like a drop in the bucket unless they develop a better fundraising strategy.

19. Harvard Anti-Apartheid Committee (Cambridge, MA) - can't sink money into supporting college activities. There's tremendous potential for raising money among radical faculty and students. They could raise $300 from tabling in Holyoke Center on a Saturday Afternoon.

20. b.u.exposure (Boston) - ditto above.
#7 Jobs with Peace withdrew their proposal.

Next Meeting: Sunday Dec. 1st at George Vickers
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See you all there. 11AM

Best from here,
Meredith