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Board Meeting - December 1st, 11AM
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AGENDA

** Board Outreach - report from sub-committee on candidates and progress

** Office - reports on finances, fund-raising and other odds and ends

GRANTS

Anti-nuke Projects

1) 11th Hour Project (San Francisco, CA) - Funds for 3-day vigil & CD in DC on Christmas. I've asked them for a specific request and amount and other info - to come.

2) Empowerment Project (Norwich, VT) - Request of $580 for duplication of slide show "Circles Around the Fire" and for promotional material.

3) Citizens for Alternatives to Trident & Elf (CATE) (Webster, WI) - $385 request to cover costs of printing book on Project ELF

4) NLG Peace and Disarmament News (Seattle, WA) - $500 requested toward printing costs of News for coming year

5) Nuclear Xchange (Seattle, WA) - $600 toward costs of 12 page special report on organizing in western WA for peace in Central America

6) Berkeley/Alameda County Nuclear Free Zone Campaign (CA) - $500 toward costs of organizing a Nov. '86 ballot initiative to make Alameda County, CA a nuke-free zone

7) International Shadow Project (Portland, OR) - request of $500 for follow-up mailing of Aug. 6, 1985 action

Central and Latin America Work

8) Central America/Middle East Research & Education Project (Sacramento, CA) - $300 requested for mailing to organizations in U.S. as a educational, recruiting and fund raising drive to build organization
9) NCOCA Constryamos Juntos Project (Northampton, MA) - $600 request for leaflets and direct mail for fundraising for school construction project in Nicaragua planned for Jan. of '86

10) Oakland/Berkeley CISPES (CA) - Request of $600 to purchase a VCR and TV for organizing work i.e. house meetings.

11) Cmte. on U.S./Latin American Relations (CUSLAR) (Ithaca, NY) - $500 requested for brochures for video on issue of Sanctuary

12) Austin Interfaith Task Force for Central America (TX) - Funds for general support requested. I've asked them for a specific request and project and other info - info to come

13) Somos Hermanas (San Francisco, CA) - Request of $500 for December mailing to members of political update and fund raising appeal

14) Aroostock Network Affinity Group (Houlton, ME) - $240 asked for costs of organizing Pledge of Resistance actions in Rep. Snowe's office in Maine

15) Centro Presente (Cambridge, MA) - Request of $600 for paralegal training program & community education project for C.A. refugees in Boston/New England area

16) Knoxville Committee on Central America (TN) - Request of $600 for newsletter and outreach and education materials

17) Rocky Mountain Peace Center (Boulder, CO) - Request of $523 for a direct mail fund raising campaign to support a nurse/midwife in Nicaragua

18) War Relief for Nicaraguans (Jamaica Plain, MA) - $600 requested for printing and distribution of brochures for campaign to raise funds for Nicaraguan soldiers' families

19) NLG Chile Task Force (NYC) - Request of $500 for copying and distribution costs of packet on human rights in Chile. Postponed from October meeting because more info was needed from them - they hadn't responded to a letter and still haven't to a second letter. Hope they will before December meeting.

20) Casa Chile (Berkeley, CA) - Request of $600 to cover part of costs of a national mailing on boycott of Chilean fruit

21) National CISPES (Washington, DC) - $600 requested toward cost of reprinting their "Stop the Bombing" campaign packet

**Women, Lesbian and Gay Groups**

22) Movement for a New Society (Watertown, MA) - $500 requested to help fund a conference on Feminism and Non-violence in January in Tucson, AZ. Funds to be used for Child care.

23) Women's Ordination Conference (Fairfax, VA) - Request of $480 to help underwrite start-up costs of a computerized membership program
24) Arco Iris (Ponca, AR) - Funds requested for general support for this Survival Camp for Native Women and Children. I've asked for more specific info and request.

25) Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force (PA) - $500 to $600 requested for either of 3 programs: Education Equity project, Media project or Anti-Gay/Anti-Lesbian Violence project.

**Prison Support Work**

26) Mass. Citizens Against the Death Penalty (MCADP) (Boston, MA) - Request of $600 to reprint their "Death Penalty Organizing Booklet"

27) Indiana Black Prisoners Organization News Service (Indianapolis) - Postponed from last month because of lack of feedback to our letter for more specific request and information. Asking for funds to publish newsletter

**Miscellaneous**

28) Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) (Nyack, NY) - $600 request for expenses of Sept. 19 to Oct. 14 speakers tour on South Africa. I've asked if they could update the request; they'll send info.

29) San Diego Committee Opposed to Militarism and Draft (CA) - $400 requested for the "Militarism of San Diego" mapping project

30) Black Veterans for Social Justice (Brooklyn, NY) - $600 request for office and printing supplies. Postponed from Oct. Meeting because of questions on how active they are. Need to get solid reference from North Star and CARD.

31) SW Minnesota Peace and Justice Center (Cottonwood, MN) - Request of $372 for newsletter for outreach work to church sector

32) Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center (Chicago, IL) - $500 to help subsidize a fund-raising campaign for a heating system for this grassroots community and movement center.

33) South Dakota Peace and Justice Center (Watertown, SD) - Request of $600 toward expenses of convening assembly of coalition, the Nonpartisam League, on Nov. 23. They'll send update for Dec. meeting

34) Leonard Pelthier Support Committee (Durham, NC) - $600 requested for printing and postage for two newsletters

35) Sonoma County Rainbow Coalition (Santa Rosa, CA) - $250 requested for newsletters (Agreement made by board in March '85 to fund 2 NLs and to review proposal for additional $250 for two more).

36) Vermont Rainbow Coalition (Montpelier) - Request of $500 for a copying machine or $300 for a typewriter.

Whew!! That's the lot. Please send in your proxy if you can't make the New York meeting. Also please call me if you need funds to get to the meeting. I'll be calling soon to find out definitely who'll be able to go. Hasta Nueva York,

Nancy Moniz, Resist staff
1) 11th Hour Project  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

2) Empowerment Project  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

3) Citizens for Alternative to Trident & Elf  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

4) NLG Peace & Disarmament News  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

5) Nuclear Xchange  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

6) Berk./Alameda County Nuke Free Zone Campaign  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

7) International Shadow Project  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

8) C.A. & Middle East Research & Educ. Project  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

9) NCOCA Construyamos Juntos Project  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

10) Oakland/Berkeley CISPES  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

11) CUSLAR  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

12) Austin Interfaith Task Force on C.A.  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

13) Somos Hermanas  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

14) Aroostock Network Affinity Group  _____Y_____N_____Maybe

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33) SD Peace and Justice Center  ___Y____N____Maybe

34) Leonard Pelthier Support Committee  ___Y____N____Maybe

35) Sonoma Rainbow Coalition  ___Y____N____Maybe

36) Vermont Rainbow Coalition  ___Y____N____Maybe
Minutes - Resist Meeting 12/1/85. Present were: Tess, Louis, Kate, Wayne, George, Nancy, Meredith, Amy S., Grace and Bell.

Business Reports

**Board Search Committee recommended Roxanna Pastor for the board. Roxanna is lesbian/feminist Central America peace activist from Honduras. We will ask her to attend our next board meetings and meetings thereafter.

**Finances are not great, though the recent prospecting appeal is doing well. It's our in-house (or repeat contributors) who aren't holding up their end of things. We will be mailing a first-class (postage-wise) fund appeal to our in-house list within the week. Grace has agreed to help write it and will sign it. Hopefully this letter will give a gentle nudge to all those contribs we haven't heard from in a while. Our recent pledge recruitment "drive" brought in 150-60 new pledges which means we have 430 pledges now. Even though we had 36 grant proposals we decided not to spend according to our usual formula, but to keep spending down a bit this month (which wasn't hard since we rejected almost 1/2 of the proposals.

**Nancy and I wrote up a Fiscal Sponsorship contract and guidelines for groups that want to work under our tax-exempt umbrella. If you want a copy write to the office.

**Housing Coalition is humming along. Many groups from the Boston area have meeting to discuss buying/building a movement building in the Boston area, groups involved include: Dollars & Sense, Radical America, Haymarket People's Fund, Green Peace, Mobilization for Survival, Boston Women's Health Book Collective, Boston Rainbow Coalition. For more details on what's going on contact Nancy at the office and Resist.

**And last but not least, I announced to the board that I (Meredith) will be leaving Resist as a staff person in the spring. I plan on staying on the board so I'll see everyone as much as usual. We've decided that we will start discussing and working on a hiring process in January.

GRANTS

We discussed additional proposals to the ones in the board packet. One was the Veterans' Education Project in Western Mass. which was postponed from the last meeting for a reference. We granted them $300 for counter-military work in highschools. The second was an emergency grant of $100 to the NYC Puerto Rican Committee Against Repression.

5. Nuclear Xchange (Seattle, WA) $400 for special issue on Central America. We agreed that there is a good peace community in Seattle but not a lot of leftists with $$ which is why local fundraising for this would be difficult. Articles look good and the ads from business community were impressive.

10. Oakland/Berkeley CISPES, $400 for VCR to show videos from liberated zones in El Salvador and for house meetings. Equipment will be shared with other groups. Will send along a letter with names of faculty in California who may be able to get faculty discounts on this type of equipment.
11. CUSLAR (Ithaca, NY), $300 for video on Sanctuary and Sanctuary providers. We had some discussion on a split that seems to have occurred between hardcore religious sanctuary providers and those with a more radical political analysis. Seems like this could seriously disrupt the Sanctuary Movement.

13. Somos Hermanas (San Francisco) - $400 for political update and fundraising appeal. From everything we were told, including a reference from Kathy Engel at MADRE, this group and MADRE have a good working relationship. Somos Hermanas is working specifically to politicize and involve women of color on C.A. issues, and is a more politically radical organization than MADRE.


15. Centro Presente (Cambridge, MA) - $400 for paralegal training program and community ed Project on C.A. refugees. Even though this org. has a fairly large budget, it is very difficult raising money for this kind of project.

16. Knoxville Center on Central America (Knoxville, TN), $400 for newsletter and outreach and education materials. We heard nothing but good things about their work. Seems very impressive. And they've had success organizing in [building coalitions in Knoxville's small Black community].

20. Casa Chile (Berkeley, CA), $300 to help organize boycott of Chilean produce. We were divided on the effectiveness of the way they are organizing the boycott. We decided to offer them space for their boycott flier in the Resist newsletter.

24. Arco Iris (Ponca, AR) - $250 to support their work for battered women and children and victims of abuse in AR.

27. Indiana Black Prisoners News Service (Indianapolis), $100 token support for this Black Prisoners Newsletter.

30 Black Vets for Social Justice (Brooklyn, NY), $400 for work with Black Vets. North Star gave a very good reference on their work. And Paul and George (of Resist) were impressed with Job, the staffer of Black Vets, when they met with him last year.

32 Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center (Chicago, IL) - $200 to subsidize a fundraising campaign so the center can get a new heating system. Community Centers like this are important especially when they give space to political groups as this one does.

35. Sonoma County Rainbow Coalition (Santa Rosa, CA), $200 for a second grant for this groups newsletter. It's not clear that the newsletter is meeting the stated goals of the organization. But we felt that there is a need for it and will suggest that they drop their four-color format and do it cheaper.

36. VT Rainbow Coalition (Monpelier, VT), $400 for a typewriter which will also be used by a number of other movement groups in the same building.

REJECTIONS

1. 11th Hour Project (San Francisco) Basically this demonstration is being organized in the 11th hour and is being staged to pressure the U.S. to response to Soviet Union's July unilateral nuclear testing moratorium. The demonstration does not include an anti-intervention statement because they feel it is important to keep their message uncluttered. NO, NO, NO.

3. Citizen's for Alternative to Trident and Elf (Webster, WI) We got a good reference on their work but the book looks like a waste of $$ and energy. We will encourage them to submit another proposal.
4. NLG Peace and Disarmament Subcommittee (Seattle, WA). If it's a good newsletter then it should be funded internally. We gave them money for the same thing last year. We're not an on-going funding source for a single project.

6. Berkeley/Alameda County Nuclear Free Zone (CA). We had a long, long discussion on this one. Basically what it came down to was that people didn't feel that organizing a binding referendum in an area where there is a well-established, well-funded opposition, the referendum is bound to lose. Additionally, any educational value of such a referendum is lost in the battle against the opposition's propaganda campaign. This type of campaign can end up making people feel more powerless rather than less.

7 International Shadow Project (Portland, OR). Funding them for a follow-up mailing when they don't have any idea what to do next seemed like a waste of $$$. In our letter to them we will 1.) ask them to come back when they have an idea 2.) tell them to send out a funding appeal and 3.) tell them we like what they did.

8. CAMEREP (Central America and Middle East Research and Education Project, Sacramento, CA). This project is a good idea but a duplication of effort. NACLA already published a huge article on Israel's relationship to US policy in all of Latin America. And there is good documentation on Israel's relationship to Nicaragua which wasn't covered in CAMEREP's report. We will write this group and tell them we are glad they are doing this work but there are established publications already covering this issue i.e. NACLA, and Israeli Foreign Affairs. And Central America solidarity groups are beginning to include Israel's role and Mid East issues in their organizing. Also ask them why they haven't included Israel's role in S. Africa in their work.

9. NCOCA Constrayamos Juntos Project (Northampton, MA). We will tell them what we tell all material aid campaigns/construction brigades and brigades in gen'l which is: contact us when you get back and we will consider funding outreach and educational work which will influence public opinion in this country.

12. Austin Interfaith Task Force on C.A. (TX). This group has a large budget and has received a substantial amount of church $$. We will tell them that there are organizations that don't get that type of church $$ and we need to direct our funding toward them. Not to mention the politics of this group.

17. Rocky Mountain Peace Center (Boulder, CO). Project is a great idea but again, our purposes is not to fund material aid campaigns.

18. War Relief for Nicaraguans (JP, MA). We got the sense that this group was trying to make a radical point by organizing this type of material aid/ funding campaign but we don't know what the point is supposed to be. Ditto above as far as the rest of the discussion.

19. NLG Chile Task Force (NYC). Again they didn't respond to our request for more information. We'll ditch their proposal and tell them if they want to be considered for funding, they will have to send us a new one.

22. Movement for a New Society (Watertown, MA). A National Conference in AZ??? Besides they include nothing, in a conference on feminism and non-violence, on lesbians. And their idea on outreach is lousy, basically outreaching to MNS members.
23. Women's Ordination Conference (Fairfax, VA). No interest in supporting a group whose goal is to get women into the Catholic Hierarchy.

26. MA Citizens Against the Death Penalty (Boston, MA). If there isn't liberal money available in MA for work against the death penalty then we are in trouble.

28. Fellowship of Reconciliation (Nyack, NY). They are not a particularly radical group. And doing S. Africa work in relation to churches and universities (which is where the tour focussed its work) is not where we need to put our money.

29. San Diego Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft (CA). Their project is a good idea but given limited funds at this meeting, funding a mapping project is not a priority.

31. SW Minnesota Peace and Justice Center (Cottonwood, MN). Outreach work to the church sector is a priority for us.

33. The Non-partisan League Conveneing Assembly (Watertown, SD). A statewide Coalition whose statement includes nothing on women and nothing on gays. Seems populist rather than leftist.

POSTPONEMENTS

2. Empowerement Project (Norwich, VT). This group had no connection with Vermont PIRG which is unusual considering the amount of work PIRG has done on energy and nuclear issues. Grace wants to check them out, though.

21. National CISPES (Washington, DC). We want to find out more about the recent split in CISPES and where the National leadership is on certain political and organizational questions.

25. Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force (PA). Frank was supposed to tell us about this group at the meeting but he didn't show up - what happened Frank?? Hopefully we will have more info at next meeting. It's not clear how radical vs. liberal this group is.

34. Leonard Peltier Support Committee (Durham, NC). Want to talk to Ken Hale about this group and L.P.'s case. Also want to check some references in the south.

Total grants = 16 for $4790.00

Let's hear it for Nancy and all the work, not to mention the great job, she did in pulling this meeting together and checking out all the groups.

Next Meeting: January 19th or 26th (we'll be in touch)
Meredith's (again tentative)
9 Summit St.
Somerville, MA (short walk from the "T")

See you then and happy holidays.

Meredith
VT Rainbow share office equipment with the VT Committee on S. Africa, the VT Central America Non-Intervention Network, Rural Vermont, the Fair Tax Initiative, and Vermont PIRG. With no copying machine and broken typewriter, their work is tedious. Let's keep the movement in Vermont alive and help the Rainbow buy some new office equipment.

Arco Iris (Ponca, AR) is a shelter for women and children who are recovering from or escaping abusive living situations such as rape, battering, neglect and alcohol abuse. We would like to help this important project survive.