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Resist Board Meeting, June 22, 1986

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Board Meeting - June 22nd, 11AM
Ken Hale's house
209 Waltham St.
Lexington, MA 02173 Tel.: (617) 861-8164

Just a few announcements before getting to the meeting's agenda. Rene Valle and Josephinia V. have a new baby!! Gabriél Antonio; mother, baby and papa doing fine.
Also - Resist is moving! We found a rental space just down the street at the Somerville Multi-Service Center at One Summer Street, Somerville, MA. We'll be moving on June 10th with Radical America and Dollars & Sense moving to the same shared space a few days after. Things change but somehow remain the same. We're also still all working with other groups in the Boston area to buy our own (collective) building within the next two years.

And now on to the:

AGENDA

** Office - finances and other odds and ends

** Requests for use of mailing list - Citizen Soldier (postponed for reference on their recent work from May meeting) and N.E. Central America Network.

** Nancy Moniz' request for feedback on her work for the past year.

** Donor Directed request - discussion on our policy

** Grants Outreach work - NM has plans but needs to check them out with the board.

GRANT REQUESTS

Central America Work

1) Central America Education Project (Northampton, MA) - $600 request for media work (production of pamphlet on how to produce ads and for cost of ad production)


3) Central American Refugee Center (Los Angeles, CA) - Funds requested for costs of C.A. Independence Day celebration in September in LA
4) Central America Information Center (San Diego, CA) - $600 toward expenses of setting up computer net with SALPRESS in Mexico City.

4) Central America Education Fund (Cambridge, MA) - Request of $600 for furniture for Spanish class program classrooms.

5) ProNica (Managua, Nicaragua) - $500 request for office expenses for liaison work for U.S. groups and projects in Nica. Postponed for May meeting - Rene will get references in Nicaragua.

7) El Rescate (Los Angeles, CA) - $600 requested for their Human Rights Hotline phone & equipment and for mailing to 2000 to promote Hotline.

8) Religious Task Force on Central America (Washington, DC) - Request of $500 for purchase of computer equipment for PeaceNet work.

Women Related Work

9) Spanish Education for Women (Washington, DC) - $140 requested for child care and training expenses related to hiring neighborhood women to serve as tutors in Spanish course in Mexico.

10) Now and Then Productions (NYC) - Request of $600 for production of video on women in North Ireland.

11) Women & Reproductive Technology (Boston, MA) - $600 requested for production of video of conference in February. Postponed from last meeting in order to view video.

Anti-apartheid Work

12) Mobilization for Survival (NYC) - $600 asked to fund support work for June 14 regional demo in NYC against apartheid.

13) Vermont Committee on Southern Africa (Montpelier) - Request of $600 to publish newsletter.

Community Organizing

14) Oakland Wallspeak (CA) - Request of $500 for pilot project of a series of murals on South Africa & Apartheid in W. Oakland housing project.

15) Center for 3rd World Organizing (Oakland, CA) - Request of $600 toward stipends for student activists in a minorities community-based drive.

16) Eastern Connecticut Citizen Action Group (Hartford) - Request of $500 for their Tenant Leadership Project for low-income tenant organizing.

17) Southerners for Economic Justice (Durham, NC) - Request of $600 to help complete a project documenting injustices in NC workplaces (Type-setting costs on booklet).

Peace/Anti-nuke/Anti-militarism Work

18) Global Village (NYC) - $600 requested for distribution costs of video on "The Trial of the AVCO Plowshares".

20) Thomas Merton Center (Pittsburgh, PA) - $600 requested toward expenses of publicity for the "Peace Festival '86" on August 6th & 9th.

21) United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM), Univ. of Tx chapter (Austin, TX) - Request for funding for part-time staff salary for a faculty membership drive.

22) Coalition for a Nuclear Free Harbor (NYC) - Request of $600 for 'Liberty Not War' project - media and outreach campaign - June 1st to July 6th coinciding with Statue of Liberty Centennial.

23) Coalition for a Safe Bay (San Francisco, CA) - $500 requested for production of educational material.

Prisoners

24) Jailhouse Lawyer Assistance (Camp Hill, PA) - $300 requested for postage, photocopying and other supplies for class action suit for prisoners of Huntington Correctional Institution.

25) Prison Book Program (Boston, MA) - Request of $500 for purchase of books and legal materials.

26) Virginia Coalition of Jails and Prisons (Richmond) - Request of $600 toward cost of a copier.

Miscellaneous

27) Mobilization for Survival (Cambridge, MA) - $600 requested toward cost of fundraising campaign for salary of a staffperson on South Africa/anti-apartheid organizing.

28) LAND, Inc. (Rudolph, WI) - Request of $350 for cost of a speaker for their Radiations Effects Health Conference to be held in November.

29) Big Mountain Support Group (Washington, DC) - $600 request for postage for brochure mailing.

30) Philip Hackett/SF Press Club (San Francisco, CA) - Request of $600 for posters and ad and for rental costs.

31) Save Hawaii (Captain Cook, HI) - $600 requested for publication and/or $1,000 loan (see below)

Loan Requests

31) Save Hawaii - Request for a loan for 6 months of $1,000

32) Northland Poster Collective (Minneapolis, MN) - Six month $500 loan for purchase of equipment

Last-minute grant requests

33) Comite El Salvador (Boston, MA) - $600 requested for a brochure on the Comite and on El Salvador.

34) Caribbean Coalition (Roxbury, MA) - Ken Tangvik will bring info to board meeting (or we'll mail it our under a separate cover) That's it, folks. Hope to see lots of you at the meeting. —Nancy M.
1) Central America Education Project    Y  N  Maybe
   
2) SHARE    Y  N  Maybe
   
3) Central American Refugee Cmte.    Y  N  Maybe
   
4) Central America Information Center    Y  N  Maybe
   
5) Central America Education Fund    Y  N  Maybe
   
6) Pro-Nica    Y  N  Maybe
   
7) El Rescate    Y  N  Maybe
   
8) Rel. Task Force on Central America    Y  N  Maybe
   
9) Spanish Education for Women    Y  N  Maybe
   
10) Now & Then Productions    Y  N  Maybe
   
   
12) Mobil. for Survival, NYC    Y  N  Maybe
   
13) Vt. Committee on Southern Africa    Y  N  Maybe
   
14) Oakland Wallspeak    Y  N  Maybe
| 15) Center for 3rd World Organizing | Y | N | Maybe |
| 16) Eastern CT. Citizen Action Group | Y | N | Maybe |
| 17) Southerners for Economic Justice | Y | N | Maybe |
| 18) Global Village | Y | N | Maybe |
| 19) NARMIC | Y | N | Maybe |
| 20) Thomas Merton Center | Y | N | Maybe |
| 21) UCAM, U. of TX chapter | Y | N | Maybe |
| 22) Coalition for a Nuke-Free Harbor (NYC) | Y | N | Maybe |
| 23) Coalition for a Safe Bay (SF,CA) | Y | N | Maybe |
| 24) Jailhouse Lawyer | Y | N | Maybe |
| 25) Prison Book Program | Y | N | Maybe |
| 26) VA Coalition on Jails & Prisons | Y | N | Maybe |
| 27) Mobilization for Survival (Camb., MA) | Y | N | Maybe |
| 28) LAND, Inc. | Y | N | Maybe |
| 29) Big Mountain Support Group (D.C.) | Y | N | Maybe |
Proxy Sheet (cont'd p. 3)

30) Philip Hackett/SF Press Club  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

31) Save Hawaii (grant request)  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

31) Save Hawaii (loan request)  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe

32) Northland Poster Collective (loan request)  ____Y  ____N  ____Maybe
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Resist Board Meeting Minutes 6/22/86

**Present:** Nancy Moniz, Nancy Wechsler, Louis, Ken H, Ken. T., Wayne, Roxanna, Meredith, Kate

**BUSINESS**

**office and finances.** We've moved into our new space at One Summer St., Somerville with D&S and RA (HIC is here too!). We had dead bolt locks put on doors for a bit of added security.

Walk for Peace. Oct. 22 Sunday. Nancy Moniz brought this up. Mentioned we participated last year. Meredith organized it. Did we want to participate this year? No takers.

Request for interview for book. David Walls from Sonoma State University was interested in talking to us and RA for a book he's doing called "The Activists Almanac: Who's trying to change what, why and how." He will be in town the week of July 1. We agreed to talk to him if we can get a reference on him. Wecs and RA will check this out. Wecs and Kate Cloud will talk to Dave on July 2.


(See attached sheets.) Last October's mailing did very well. The January mailing almost broke even. The April mailing has lost us money so far. We expect the June 9th mailing to also lose us money. Given how much the October mailing made, we came out ahead up until the June mailing. Wechsler will do a follow up report after the returns from June mailing have come in. Because of these figures we have decided to postpone future prospecting mailings for many months to concentrate on cleaning our own list, and producing a new letter/brochure for the prospecting mailing. Meredith pointed out that in working on the books she noticed that while this year we have more pledges, they are bringing in less money. Wechsler will work on that. An ABC mailing just went out and that should be bringing us in some money soon. Another ABC mailing will go out in Fall.

In light of financial report we discussed whether or not to stick to our $200/proposal formula. People agreed to stick to it.

**Abortion Referendum.** Wechsler asked the Board if there was anything Resist wanted to do as Resist to help defeat the anti-abortion constitutional amendment on the ballot in Massachusetts. There was some discussion about whether this was a local or national issue with the group consensus being that what happened here had national implications for both the reproductive rights movement and the anti-abortion movement. Resist agreed to: 1) write a letter to go out to our Massachusetts zips with the next newsletter (July/August) about the referendum, urging them to vote, get involved and give money to the Reproductive Rights National Network.
2) We agreed to get an article for the September newsletter about the national implications of the Massachusetts referendum. Louis asked that we include the drive against abortion as part of general cutbacks. Brief discussion. We agreed to ask Marlene Fried to write something. Wechsler suggested at some point we have a discussion of the difference between talking about "abortion" or "pro-choice for women." (Wechsler thinks we should use the word abortion, and noticed that our brochure says "pro-choice for women." She'd like the language to reflect a conscious choice after a political discussion--whichever we decide.)

Newsletter. Report by Ken on upcoming issues. Next newsletter should have articles on Big Mountain and on the Philippines. The September issue looks like articles on the abortion referendum and Dukakis' foster care policy. Suggestion for article on the autonomy issue in Nicaragua.

mailing list requests. NICAN. They want the New England portion of our list for July. Discussion about them mentioning in their fundraising something about a J.P. real estate guy who is saying he will give 10% of his profits to progressive groups. NICAN is urging people to use this realtor. We will check this out. We agreed to give them our New England section of the list after discussing with them the problems we have with this realty business, and telling them they can not mention it in the letter to our list, and they can only use the list for mailing, no phonebanking.

CITIZEN SOLDIER. We said no to giving them our list and YES to a free 4 page camera ready ad.

feedback for nancy moniz. She's been here one year! Congratulations! Round of applause. Generally pos. feedback. Discussion of how to give feedback. Louis suggested a committee to discuss and come up with proposals about how to do evaluations. Roxanna suggested the staff suggest guidelines. Kate suggested self-evaluation and then go over it with people. Roxanna and Kate's suggestions were agreed to. Wechsler, Moniz and Tangvik will discuss.

outreach. Nancy Moniz brought up her proposal to mail people on our list from areas of the country with conservative congressional districts asking them for suggestions of who to send grant proposals to. We won't do this now since we are already swamped with grant proposals. Meredith suggested we have stricter grant proposal guidelines, with specific questions and a page limit and references included. Roxanna and Nancy M. will work on this. We will help.

donor directed grants. Agreed to continue our case by case policy. Requests should come from group, not donor. Suggest to some donors they contact group to see if the group already has some arrangement.
GRANTS.

We gave a total of $6340 to 16 groups.

1. Central America Education Project (Northampton, MA). $450 for media work (production of pamphlet on how to produce ads and for cost of ad production). Good references, people liked the ads and the project.

4. Central America Information Center (San Diego, CA) $450 towards expenses for setting up computer net with SALPRESS in Mexico City. Excellent references. Project very good but where is the rest of $ coming from. Questions raised about need for instant news. Many people felt it was impt. to have news for grassroots org. and mobilization.

8. Religious Task Force on Central America. (Washington, D.C.) $450 towards purchase of computer equipment for PeaceNet work. Good references. Don't get much funding from religious groups. Roxanna very positive about the group. They've been around a long time. Two women are good, effective at bringing up issues the church doesn't want to deal with.

9. Spanish Education for Women (Washington, D.C.). $140 for child care and training expenses related to hiring neighborhood women to serve as tutors in Spanish course. This is a new project. Person who submitted proposal did the Spanish tapes for women. Good references.

11. Women & Reproductive Technologies (Boston, MA) $500 for production of video about the new Reproductive Technologies from a conference in February. Roxanna and Wechsler saw the raw material for video. It was good stuff. They felt the group had the ability to analyze what they have and edit it. Impressed by their analysis of disability rights issues and class/race issues.

13. Vermont Committee on Southern Africa (Montpelier, VT). $500 to publish newsletter. Even though they didn't yet respond to our letter people felt good about them. Vt-pirg gave them good references. Board was impressed they worked on Southern Africa, not only South Africa.

15. Center for 3rd World Organizing (Oakland, CA) $400 for stipends for student activists in a minorities community-based drive. Even though they have a large budget ($200,000-mostly grants) we decided to fund them. Good references from Oakland/Berkeley CISPES. Good general organizing skills and imparting anti-racist skills. They have a good reputation. We were glad to see people working with younger folks.

16. Eastern Connecticut Citizen Action Group (Hartford) $450 for Tenant Leadership Project for low-income tenant organizing. Good references from Haymarket, Institute for Comm. Econ., and groups in Conn. Q's about whether or not they were too big for us. Decided to support their work.
17. Southerners for Economic Justice (Durham, NC) $400 to help complete a project documenting injustices in NC workplaces (typesetting costs on booklet.) Mandy Carter (WRL) and Mab Segrest (NC against Racist and Religious Violence) gave them good references. They work closely with them. Project breaks silence on issue, anti-union sentiment in NC. SEJ initiated anti-klan work, S. Africa work, anti-toxic waste work. Q's were raised by Resist about the tone of their letter in response to us asking for more info about their politics, Meredith raised questions about the number of women on their board, Louis mentioned he was familiar with a few of their board members and respected them, and Wechsler pointed out the two women who gave SEJ references were both lesbians working on gay/lesbian pride in Durham and that was a positive sign that they thought SEJ should get money. We agreed to give them money and write a note in response to their letter to us, re: why we ask political questions and want want to know their politics.

23. Coalition for a Safe Bay (SF, CA). $200 for production of educational material. References were positive, they work on a lot of issues. Some criticisms of layout and design of pamphlet.

24. Jailhouse Lawyer Assistance (Camp Hill, PA) $300 for postage, photocopying and other supplies for class action suit for prisoners of Huntington Correctional Institution. Good references. We agreed we needed more discussion of politics of prison work. Discussed whether or not we would fund this kind of work if it was on the "outside." Some said Resist has in the past, others remembered differently. Wechsler argued that this was an area the left has neglected and we should support work and organizing going on in and around prisons.

25. Prison Book Program (Boston, MA) $500 for purchase of books and legal materials. Many of us know these people and respect their work over the years. They always send out political stuff along with novels and other materials when sending stuff to prisoners. They are a good solid group and we agreed to support them for same reasons as we agreed to support no. 24.

27. Mobilization for Survival (Camb., MA). $500 towards cost of fund-raising campaign for salary of a staffperson on South Africa/anti-apartheid organizing. We thought this was a good project. We don't always give them money and thought this year we should to support this project. General sense that we hoped they hired a woman and a feminist.

29. Big Mountain Support Group (Washington, DC). $500 for postage for brochure mailing. Ken H. recommended funding. He suggested a few possibly changes for brochure. (to say the number of people being disposessed was "from 8-10,000 and to take out hot-line number since it doesn't exist.)

34. Caribbean Coalition (Roxbury, MA) $400 (plus the $100 emergency grant they already received) for postage, printing and video copying. Ken T. said they needed money immediately to get things going after their conference. He felt in the future they could find funding from other sources.

35. Kinheart (Chicago, IL) $200 for general support.
Kinheart had basically good references from Crossroads and Cathy Christeller. Wechsler didn't like their Lesbian Relationship Handbook—(poorly written) and thought the homophobia pamphlet was too academic. But written material on Homophobia is important so we decided to give them some money.

emergency grant request

36. Coalition of Community Groups in Jamaica Plain (Boston) organizing demo against Ray Flynn and Realtors. Coalition made up of: Eviction Free Zone, Grey Panthers, Rainbow, CityLife. Flynn wants market value condos. The community wants low-income housing. They are planning a possible Tent City Action. They wanted money to do a mailing about the plans for Tent City. We gave them a 100 emergency grant.

Postponed

7. El Rescate (LA, CA) postponed until we receive more information.

10. Now and Then Productions (NYC) We need to see more of video, or be able to read some of the script. questions raised about class, and the issue of in what ways it could be a step backward for women if it became part of Ireland.

18. Global Village (NYC) They requested money for distribution of video "The Trial of the AVCO Plowshares". Kate found video interesting but too long, instructive but not inspiring. Long discussion about tactics of group and whether or not they had a position on abortion. Postponed to find out about AVCO Plowshare's position on abortion and find out who this video is targetted for.

19. National Action/Research on Military/Industrial Complex (NARMIC) (Phila. PA). They didn't answer letter. People wanted to know more about their budget. They are a project of AFSC, why do they need Resist money. Postponed till we get this info and talk to Frank Brodhead and Judy Chomsky.

26. Virginia Coalition of Jails and Prisons (Richmond, VA) Postponed till we get more info, particularly their budget.

28. LAND, INC. (Rudolph, WI) Wisc. fund gave good references. Postponed till we could get reference from Nukewatch and Elf. Q's about their budget and budget for conference.

33. Comite El Salvador (Boston, MA) Long discussion. Do we want to fund a group that is linked with a particular faction in El Salvador? What specific work do they do? Kate suggested we postpone until we can read the brochure they are asking us to fund. We agreed.

rejections

2. Salvadoran Humanitarian AID, Research, & Education (SHARE) (Wash,DC) We generally don't give money just for humanitarian aid. They are making a lot of money, why do they need Resist/ June 85 we gave them some money for newsletter. This is a very large group.

3. Central American Refugee Center (LA,CA) We turned down a Guatemalan group about a yr ago that was doing similar work. Same convinced people come to event. Internal celebration, didn't involve outside organizing. Urge them to send new proposal for another project.
5. Central America Education Fund (Camb. MA) Disc. of whether CASA and CAEF were really separate. Nancy M. said they were not at this time but they are moving to be separate. People didn't want to fund this project and urged them to reapply for money to pay for brochures during CA week.

6. ProNica (Managua, Nicaragua) Decided to reject on basis of our funding of solidarity work here in the U.S., not projects in Nicaragua.

12. Mobilization for Survival (NYC) We rejected this proposal because they didn't give us an update after the demo, no letter, no phone call. They should reapply in the future for another project. If we get a letter from them this week people thought we could give them a 100 emergency grant and tell them to come back again with another project.

14. Oakland Wallskeak (CA) Hard to get references. Finally people said they were a good project but had bad process went into community without consulting residents. They have a big budget. We decided NO for now based on their process.

20. Thomas Merton Center (Pittsburgh, PA) Resist gave them $200 last August after much debate. Meredith felt they should be able to raise money in their own community for this project.

21. United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM) Univ. of Tx chapter (Austin, TX) references were positive. They work in Austin peace and justice coalition. But we agreed we did not want to fund a staff person to organize FACULTY. NO because of the specific project. Money should be raised locally.

22. Coalition for a Nuclear Free Harbor (NYC, NY) Funding xchange gave them money. Resist bd didn't like specific project.

30. Philip Hackett/SF PRes Club (SF, CA) No because we don't fund individuals working on projects by themselves.

31. Save Hawaii (Captain Cook, HI) Despite some positive references from Hank Rosemont we said no because of an ad in their newsletter for mail order brides. We will write them this in their rejection letter and ask them about why they accepted the ad. Meredith also stated she did not believe the project they were asking money for (fundraising mailing) would work.

loan requests

31. Save Hawaii. Loan rejected for same reasons as above.


That's it. Whew. I'm enclosing another board address list with a few changes and typos corrected. Throw out the list I sent you last time!

next resist board meeting: AUGUST 10th, 11:00 a.m. (SUNDAY)
Nancy Wechsler's House (776-9252)
57 Moore Street, Somerville (Tiele Sq)
(to get to Moore you can take Cameron Ave.
to Mead St. to Moore St., or Claremon
to Mead St. to Moore St. see map.)
*Moore st. is one-way into Holland.
The return on the June 9th mailing is just beginning to come in now.

Watson mailing for the merge/perf on the stuffing and sending out.

That mailing (8602-8613) so far has cost $179,711.40. We have not yet been billed by

This figure does not include either the expense for or income from the June 9th mailing.

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Costs of mailings: October through April mailings
$42,041.03

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Baybank acct. has overpaid ICA/wa acct. by $2,268.83*

*These figures do not include costs or income from June 9th mailing.