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Board Meeting - August 10th, 11AM

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AGENDA

** Office - finances and other odds & ends

** Request for use of Mailing list by the San Francisco Mime Troupe for fundraising to send Troupe to Nicaragua on tour

GRANT REQUESTS

Peace and Anti-Nuke Work

- 1) Cheyenne Wheel of Peace (Ft. Morgan, CO) - \$300 requested to help publish a peace & justice issues newsletter for rural Colorado.
- 2) Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane (WA) - Request of \$600 to help purchase computer hard-and-software to supplement donated equipment.
- 3) Veterans for Peace/Tallahassee Peace Coalition (FL) - \$350 requested to cover the costs of producing an 'Options' brochure for high School students and for a 'Teacher's Resource Guide'.
- 4) Interfaith Peace Network of Greater Boston (MA) - Request of \$180 for printing a brochure for their speakers' bureau.
- 5) Whittier Area Peace Coalition (CA) - \$500 requested for silk screen and costs for T-shirts of event.
- 6) Global Village (NY, NY) - \$600 requested for distribution costs for video on "The Trial of the AVCO Plowshares". This was postponed from the last meeting pending questions on the AVCO groups connections with other Plwshares groups and on their stand on reproduction and abortion rights for women. Their response is included in packet.
- 7) NARMIC (Philadelphia, PA) - Request of \$400 for promotional campaign for their "Pentagon Audit Project". Postponed at last meeting pending their answer to questions on their finances and on a reference from Frank Brodhead on why they're coming to Resist for funding .

MINUTES: RESIST BOARD MEETING AUGUST 10, 1986

Present: Nancy Moniz, Nancy Wechsler, Ken Tangvik, Kate Cloud, Roxanna Pastor, Louis Kampf, Ken Hale, Rene Valle

OFFICE

Finances: We presently have 17,750 in working assets, 2615 loan fund, and 7500 in checking. The ICA account is still owed 4721.36 for prospecting mailings. Figuring things from last years October mailing through this past June's prospecting mailing our prospecting mailings have cost 9800 more than they have brought in so far. We expect to get more money from the June mailing in the fall, which will bring this figure down, if not illiminate it. The spring/summer ABC mailing has brought in 5700 so far, over costs.

✓ Grants application form: Nancy Moniz has come up with a new grants application form (with assistance from Roxanna and Wechsler). Discussion about how specific we want to be with some of the questions, i.e. do we ask them if they work around Middle East issues and what their politics are on the Middle East, or do we wait to see if they mention the Middle East with the other issues they work on. We decided (I believe) to leave the national and international issues general. We will send a notice to all grant recipients informing them about our new application form. We agreed not to send back proposals from groups which were not on our form.

✓ National CISPES request: They wanted to be considered for funding again. We said NO again.

Rent: RA, Resist, and D&S finally had a meeting in our new space to discuss rent, common space, etc. Resist will be paying for our office space and 1/3 the common space (192/month) and \$30/month for use of D&S computer (until we get our own). Once we get our own computer we will have to negotiate if we can put it in the same room as the D&S computer and then pay them some rent money for the space. We had a discussion about whether or not we should pay for more than 1/3 of the common space because we weren't sure RA would be able to pay their third. Their rent has gone up dramatically. The board did not feel we should subsidize RA by chipping in more for the common space.

Request for Mailing List: SF Mime Troupe. They wanted our list to raise money so their troupe could go to a theatre festival in Nicaragua. KT said they had a full page ad in Mother Jones and if they could afford that they didn't need our list. NW didn't want to give out our list for groups simply asking for donations and had political problems with the Mime troupe, not to mention their wanting the money to go to Nicaragua.

RA also asked for our mailing list to do a promotional brochure in September emphasizing peace, social justice and feminism. All agreed to give them the list.

Newsletter: Ken Tangvik said he would like to move on from the newsletter. He's wanting to have more time freed up for when he becomes a father in January. He would like to stay on the board. Ken works ten hours a week planning NL issues, soliciting material, editing, proofreading, laying out, and bringing it all to the mailing house. Each NL has two articles of approx. 8-10 pages. The staff will come up with a proposal for finding a replacement for Ken. We will discuss it at the next board meeting. Roxanna said perhaps HIC could do some of the running around picking things up and dropping them off for the NL.

GRANTS We gave \$4450 to 13 groups.

1. Cheyenne Wheel of Peace (Ft. Morgan, CO)- \$300 requested to help publish a peace and justice issues newsletter for rural Colorado. We gave them the 300 contingent on a good reference. NM contact for CO was out of the country before the BD meeting. People felt glad there was a group in this conservative area of the country. Ken H. wanted to give them the money, but to do outreach--not for the newsletter. The group works with freeze group, pledge of resistance, mx stuff, church groups. Only on peace issues--haven't taken a stand on other issues.

3. Veterans for Peace/Tallahassee Peace Coalition (FL)- \$350 to cover the costs of producing an "Options" brochure for H.S. students and for a "Teacher's Resource Guide." People were positive that they were doing stuff in H.S. Our grant was provisional based on a satisfactory response to NM last letter.

7. NARMIC (Philadelphia, PA)--\$100 for promotional campaign for their Pentagon Audit Project. We gave a token because people liked the project and wanted to support them but felt NARMIC was too big for us. We agreed to run a camera ready ad in the Resist NL about the project.

8. Reproductive Rights National Network (Boston, MA) \$500 to defray costs of publishing a brochure on the Mass anti-abortion referendum on the Nov. ballot. Main question was whether or not they were separate from no. 11 (Rosie Jimenez Day Committee). Wechsler explained that R2N2 was requesting money to do their own brochure about the referendum and that they were one group within the Rosie Jimenez Day committee (along with the GLDC, Feminist Task force of Mobe, Boston NOW, SWP, and the Alliance Against Women's Oppression). R2N2 did its own leaflet because it did not want this grouping to get into too much arguing around what to put in a group leaflet, and because they had different things they wanted to say than some of the groups. Wechsler said that politically she thought we were all closest to R2N2 so it made sense to give them the money to do the brochure.

10. National Union of Eritrean Women (NY, NY) \$300 for costs of conference in NYC on Oct. 18. good references. progressive group, good on intl and local issues. gd outreach, Northstar gave them an emergency grant, said they do a lot of work. They make links to other third world women.

11. Rosie Jimenez Day Committee (Boston, MA) \$500 for production of leaflets to publicize event on Oct. 18th on women's reproductive rights. This will be one of the only public events around the abortion referendum. The liberal coalition has followed a strategy of more private organizing--house meetings, phone calls, etc. The group doing this demo is also doing tabling.

12. Gay Community News (Boston, MA) \$500 to cover costs of 1986 pride activities, locally and nationally.

14. Carolina Interfaith Task Force on CA (Raleigh, NC)- \$400 towards costs of an organizer for 4-6 months in rural Carolina for C.A. education work. People felt this was a good group. Roxanna said they started the Witness for Peace program. Wechsler raised a concern about their answer to the abortion question, but felt we could give them the money anyway. Tess said the same thing in her proxy.

16. Central America Response Network (Santa Barbara, CA)- \$400 towards cost of organizing against the National Guard going to C.A. Gd. references. They are main group that does CA organizing in this area.

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17. Comite El Salvador (Washington, D.C.)- \$400 for audio-visual equipment for their house meeting/educational campaign. Good references. do service and political work. They support the position of UNTS coalition in El Salvador (new labor coalition).

18. Salvadoran Trade Unionists in Exile Information Center (Chicago, IL)- \$300 for seed money to initiate a bi-monthly newsletter. Roxanna said she thought some of the best work has been done by workers from El Salvador coming here and talking to their colleagues here. We agreed to suggest to them they bulk mail their newsletter instead of sending it first class.

19. Real Dragon Project (Berkeley, CA)-- \$200 towards printing brochures about their project for political prisoners and POW's in the U.S. We had a long-ish discussion about this group. Ken H. said he thought it was good that they make the point there are political prisoners in the U.S. Louis and Wechsler raised the concern that some of the prisoners they were supporting had been convicted of doing things that they believed were unhelpful and destructive to the left (i.e. the Nyack robbery). But Wechsler also said there were others, like Grand Jury Resisters that were important to support, and that while some of these people had defense committees who could do some of this work, others did not have that level of support. Our ambivalence of the positive aspects and our doubts produced a decision to give them "some" money.

21. Land, Inc. (Rudolph, WI) \$200 towards costs for educational and speakers on low level radiation. References were good. Speakers they have planned are good. We agreed to give them "some" money and say we didn't usually fund speakers or travel, but wanted to support their work.

REJECTIONS

2. Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (WA)--Even though they call themselves the Peace and Justice Action League, no part of their organizing is around women's liberation. Some of their members worked against anti-gay initiative, but they didn't as a group. Too big, too liberal for us. They can get money elsewhere.

4. Interfaith Peace Network of Greater Boston (MA)--Liberal protest group. Not a priority for Resist.

5. Whittier Area Peace Coalition (CA)-- No response to our letters. Church-based group. Many people didn't like their t-shirt slogan "Peace is Patriotic". KT suggested we give them our t-shirts to sell!

6. Global Village (NY, NY)--they had requested money for distribution of video on AVCO plowshares. We had postponed from last time to await their answers to our questions, specifically on whether or not they had a position on abortion rights for women. KH said he thought the video gave a false impression of the safety/risks of these actions. Concern was raised about the moralism aspect of these actions.

9. Now and Then Productions (Brooklyn, NY)--they requested money to complete a video on women and Northern Ireland. We had postponed from last meeting to be able to see more of the video. People liked what they saw but many of us felt we needed to see the whole thing. We agreed to say NO, but encourage them to re-apply when it was completed and we would consider giving them money for distribution.

13. Community United Against Violence (SF, CA)--References raised concern about the role this group has played in the community since receiving funds from the city. Gay activists in SF have accused this group of doing the work of the police. They have a big budget, and 7 staffers. The video didn't talk about homophobia or why people get queerbashed. Roxanna thought this was ok since speakers would go in with the video and facilitate discussion.

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15. El Rescate (LA, CA)--Too big for us.

20. Project VOTE (Chester, PA)--No because we don't support efforts at voter registration and electoral politics except in exceptional circumstances. They should be able to get liberal money to register voters. We will consider another project of this group that has a more grassroots activist focus.

NEXT MEETING:

> Sunday ~~Sept~~ 21, 1986 11:00 AM
Louis Kampf's house, 14 Glenwood Ave., Cambridge, MA

> We tentatively set the N.Y.C. Board meeting for November 2nd. We will be checking with the NY people to see whether or not this is good with them.

That's it. Hope everyone is having a good summer.

Mary Wehle

Women's Issues Organizing

- 8) Reproductive Rights National Network (Boston, MA) - \$600 requested to defray costs of publishing a brochure on the MASS. anti-abortion referendum on the November ballot.
- 9) Now & Then Productions (Brooklyn, NY) - Request of \$600 for production of a video on women in North Ireland. Postponed from last meeting. Their video sample was very short so we requested a lengthier version and/or a script in order to make a decision. They're sending this and I'll set up a viewing as soon as it comes in.
- 10) National Union of Eritrean Women (NY, NY) - Funds requested for costs of a conference in NYC on Oct. 18. I've asked for a specific request and other info - to come.
- 11) Rosie Jimenez Day Rally Committee (Boston, MA) - \$600 requested for production of leaflets to publicize event in October on women's reproductive rights.

Gay/Lesbian Solidarity Work

- 12) Gay Community News (Boston, MA) - Request of \$600 to cover costs (still outstanding) of 1986 Pride activities, locally & nationally.
- 13) Community United Against Violence (San Francisco, CA) - \$585 asked to purchase a video monitor screen for their work on violence against gay and lesbian people.

Central America Organizing

- 14) Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America (Raleigh, NC) - Request of \$600 toward cost of an organizer for 4-6 months in rural Carolina for C.A. education work
- 15) El Rescate (Los Angeles, CA) - \$600 request for a Human Rights Hotline phone & equipment and for a mailing to promote the Hotline. Postponed from the last meeting - they didn't answer my questions letter - they now have - it's in this packet.
- 16) Central America Response Network (Santa Barbara, CA) - Request of \$500 toward costs of either 1) Bikes Not Bombs campaign; 2) Actions against the National Guard going to C.A.; or 3) actions against local right wing newspaper
- 17) Comité El Salvador (Washington, DC) - Request of \$600 for audio-visual equipment for their house meeting/educational campaign
- 18) Salvadoran Trade Unionists in Exile Information Center (Chicago, IL) - Funds requested for seed money to initiate a bi-monthly newsletter.

Miscellaneous

- 19) Real Dragon Project (Berkeley, CA) - They're asking for \$600 to print brochures about their project for political prisoners and POW's in the U.S..
- 20) Project VOTE (Chester, PA) - Request of \$600 for newsletter for their work to increase the political power of low income people.

21) LAND, Inc. (Rudolph, WI) - \$350 requested toward costs of their Radiation Effects Health Conference to be held in November. Postponed from the last meeting. We needed more info on conference.

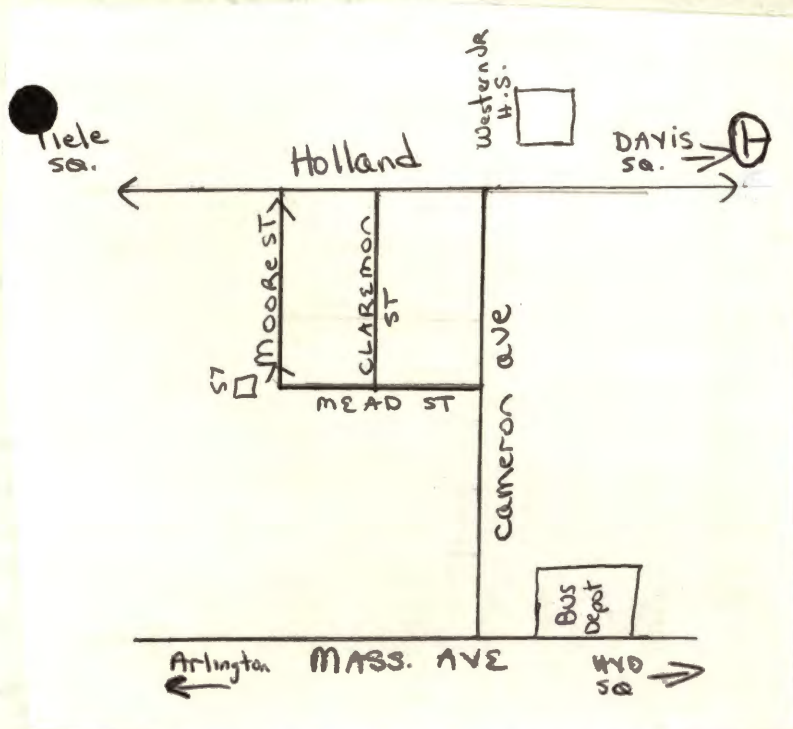
That's what we have for August. I hope that every one's having a good summer. We're enjoying our new office. If you're in the neighborhood please come by and see for yourself.

I'm including a map to Nancy W.'s house for those who are coming to the August board meeting (below) - I guess it's not easy to get to. Also if any of the non-Boston area people are coming, please call me.

For peace and justice

Nancy W.

Nancy Moniz
Resist staff



Directions: Moore St. is one-way from Mead to Holland. Therefore you can most easily get to my house by taking Cameron Ave. to Mead St. to Moore St. My house is at the corner of Mead and Moore. It is a green house with white trim. It has the Number "57" on it. **walking:** the fastest way to walk from the Davis Sq. "T" is up Holland, L on Claremon, R on Mead, to Moore.

Proxy Sheet

August 10, 1986 Resist Board Meeting

1) Cheyenne Wheel for Peace ____Y ____N ____Maybe

2) Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane ____Y ____N ____Maybe

3) Veterans for Peace/ Tallah. Peace Coalition ____Y ____N ____Maybe

4) Interfaith Peace Network ____Y ____N ____Maybe

5) Whittier Area Peace Coalition ____Y ____N ____Maybe

6) Global Village ____Y ____N ____Maybe

7) NARMIC ____Y ____N ____Maybe

8) R2N2 ____Y ____N ____Maybe

9) Now and Then Productions ____Y ____N ____Maybe

10) National Union of Eritrean Women ____Y ____N ____Maybe

Proxy Sheet (cont'd)

- 11) Rosie Jimenez Day Rally committee ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 12) Gay Community News ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 13) Community United Against Violence ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 14) Carolina Interfaith Task Force on C.A. ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 15) El Rescate ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 16) Central America Response Network ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 17) Comite El Salvador (D.C.) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 18) Salvadoran Trade Unionists in Exile Info Cntr. ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 19) Real Dragon Project ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 20) Project VOTE ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 21) LAND, Inc. ____Y ____N ____Maybe