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RESIST BOARD MINUTES

Sept. 21, 1986

PRESENT: Pam Chamberlain, Nancy Wechsler, Nancy Moniz, Ken Hale, Wayne O'Neil, Connie Chan, Louis Kampf, Roxanna Pastor, Meredith Smith.

The meeting began with brief but insightful travel reports from Wayne (Nicaragua), Connie (China), and Pam (Japan). Pam will be talking at New Words on Thursday evening Oct. 23 along with Tova Green on "Women in Japan."

Office: Finances: Baybank account 4500; Working Assets 17,800, Loan Fund 2600. The Alliance Against Sexual Coercion is repaying its 250 loan and giving us an extra 100. (This loan was written off in 1985 so we need to remember to tell this to Ellie when we do our taxes for 86. By our "formula" we have 22 groups applying for money at 200 per group gives us 4400 to spend this meeting. The staff cautions about spending it all, since that is all we have in our baybank account and we have outstanding bills and have to still purchase some parts for the computer.

Computer: Lotus has given us a computer (estimated value 1200). We still need to buy a monitor, printer, possibly new keyboard, hard disc, and locate the software we need. Computer came without any software and with no manuals.

Board Packet Xeroxing: CW Beane has messed up the board packet again. We agreed to go back to gnomes, even though it is a bit more money.

✓ **Bookkeeping Proposal:** Wechsler proposed that Meredith continue to do the computer entry part of the bookkeeping in exchange for health insurance. We will discuss if we will pay Meredith and she then pay us for the health insurance, or just do an informal trade. Wechsler will work one day a month less as part of this arrangement. Board OKed.

✓ **Staff Search:** Newsletter position. Hiring committee--Nancy Moniz, Nancy Wechsler, Meredith Smith, Roxanna Pastor. We had a longish discussion about the position, whether or not to view it as a staff position or more as a consultant, and if it was a staff position, what did that mean in terms of benefits? Ken T. wrote up job description. We agreed on \$7.50 an hour if we don't pay any health insurance, 10/hr week average over month, we would pay for time at board meetings as well as staff/board lunches. It was suggested we ask for one year minimum commitment. We should tell people that they might need a car for the job. We discussed the issue of whether the person would be expected to work a certain number of hours in the office per week but that wasn't resolved. Also to be resolved is whether or not the person is just responsible for the newsletter or whether if it takes less than 10 hrs a week to do the newsletter they will do other office work. Hiring committee was given task to iron out these and other details. Ads already placed in Sojourner and Peace work. Other

ads going in this week.

Board Search: Nancy Moniz reminded us that we had agreed to continue discussing expanding the board to include more people of color. She proposed we postpone this again until January so we can first hire a new newsletter person. All agreed. People agreed to do some thinking about this between now and then.

NY Board meeting: We agreed to have the next board meeting in NYC on NOVEMBER 9. Call the office for details. We set a tentative time for the following meeting --Dec. 14. Louis also reminded us to start thinking of having a **resist 20th anniversary party next september.**

GRANTS We gave a total of 3850 to 9 groups

1. "Los Refugiados" (Sea Cliff, NY)- \$500 for distribution costs of video documentary on Salvadoran refugee crisis in U.S.

Most people liked the video. Some feeling it didn't give enough background info on El Salvador. We will suggest they provide background info on the struggle in El Salvador when they show the video. Also suggested a panel discussion after it is shown on cable tv.

3. Guatemala Health Rights Support Project (Wash., D.C.) \$200 towards cost of purchasing a computer. References were positive. people said they do good work. We wanted to support work around Guatemala.

5. NISGUA (Wash. D.C.) \$500 for production costs of a 4-page newspaper on human rights crisis in Guatemala as part of their national campaign. Everyone felt good about this group and the work they were doing.

10. Eviction Free Zone Coalition (J.P. MA) \$400 for stipend for an Hispanic tenant organizer to coordinate volunteers. We recently gave them an emergency grant of \$100 for tent city.

Ken T. and Vince (D&S) are involved. We discussed the problem of judging this group when we know the people doing the work, and it is in our own backyard. Why did we say yes to these folks and no to the Texas tenant organizing? Ken H. said this project had a larger political perspective. They are making connections with Roxbury as well as Central America issues. Qs were raised about how sound their financing/fundraising is.

12. Employees' Legal Project (Amesbury, MA) \$200 for outreach program to labor unions and organizers in New England.

People liked the project but raised questions as to whether or not it is what Resist should be funding. How much is it social service and how much a part of organizing a movement? It was suggested they could get money elsewhere. But people felt it was important to give support to labor people who "blow the whistle" and felt good enough about this group to give them "some."

13. Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice (Orlando, FL) \$350 to help cover costs of publicity and mailing for a national demo at Cape Canaveral in Jan. of 1987.

(13 cont.) People felt this was a good campaign, and a good group. We had some questions about how they answered our questions regarding abortion and gay/lesbian issues but we agreed to fund them. We will send them our current Newsletter with articles on abortion and foster care both of which push the left to take up these and other issues. The FL coalition said they had gay people on their steering committee but hadn't taken a position on gay rights. In light of all the Dade county controversy years ago with Anita Bryant, Wechsler thought this was odd.

17. Coalition for Prisoners' Rights (Santa Fe, NM) \$600 to cover costs of postage for their newsletter to prisoners.

Mike Riegel (GCN) gave this group an excellent reference. Ken H. said he felt the group had good politics, good newsletter, good part of the country. People were enthusiastic.

20. Take Back the Night Coalition (Pasadena, CA) \$500 for printing of leaflets and bumperstickers for event on Oct. 25.

21. Rhode Island Project/AIDS (Providence, RI) \$600 requested toward cost of copy machine.

Wechsler knows staff person for this project. She is one of two black women in country to head an AIDS project. Group has good politics, and is only group in RI doing work on AIDS. Wally S. gave a positive reference.

NO

2. COMPAS Campaign (Cambridge, MA) They had wanted money towards building coalition's campaign "Reagan Wages War, We build peace."

Doubts were raised about the viability, reality, scope of the campaign and whether or not this was really CASA not COMPAS.

4. COMADRES- They had wanted money for translation services and video. George V. from NY suggested we postpone because of recent crackdown on this group and Marin city group. Some members have "turned." We decided to turn them down. People had doubts about scope of project and about whether or not the tour was organized by a real group of just individuals.

6. TechNica (Boston, MA) They had asked for money towards costs of a media campaign for their "Volunteers for the Americas" project.

We didn't see it as a priority for Resist to help professionals go to Nicaragua. We felt they could get the money elsewhere. People were critical of this group for maintaining they do not have a position on U.S. role in Central America.

8. Black Community Information Center (Dorchester, MA) Haymarket said the group tends to be nationalist, and macho. Hard to get in touch with them. They have some good ideas but weak organizing. Sounded a bit social servicy to people= like a multi-service center.

9. Texas Tenants Union (Dallas, TX) requested money for printing of self-help forms, newsletters and brochures.

Live Oak fund gave them 4,000 in 1982. Spec. proj. wasn't successful but the group is good. A bit single issue oriented. People weren't enthusiastic. Looked a bit social servicey, too little left-wing content. Pam was concerned that their hotline was only for members and urgent problems. Thought that was a bad organizing idea.

11. Western Maryland CALC (Frederick, MD) Requested money toward formation costs of a Peace and Justice Center in their area.

We had trouble getting references. Enough doubts were raised that we decided to turn them down.

15. Advocates for Shelter Action/ Policy (St. Petersburg, FL) requested money for a typewriter for use in Newsletter production and also for bulk mail costs. We thought they were too social servicey.

16. Coalition for IL Divestment in South Africa (Chicago). requested money toward cost of printing posters to both advertise fundraising concert and to sell. We funded this group in Jan. 1985. Good references from Crossroads. They are single issue focussed. We turned them down because we had doubts about this specific project and felt they could get the money locally. We liked their work around SA steel and IL steel.

18. National Lawyers Guild (Columbia U. Chapter) NY, NY. Asked for money towards cost of panel discussion on "Student Activism in the '60s and 80s"

Many objections to this including: univ. chapter at elite university can get money locally, flying people from west coast which seemed unnecessary, and asked two former weatherpeople (Jeff Jones, Bill Ayers) to be on panel--which seemed outrageous to many of us. Louis will consult with Nancy M. on rejection letter to this group!!

19. Swords into Plowshares (Phila, PA) Requested money for lighting and sound system for coffeehouse. People felt this was not political enough.

POSTPONE

7. Marin Interfaith Task Force on Central America (Mill Valley, CA) requested funds to help with expenses of U.S. based office of the Human Rights Commission of El Salvador in the U.S. (See George V. comment on No. 4 above). People thought this was an unrealistic project. Why run the El Salvador human rights office out of Marin County? We postponed to get answers to this and related qs.

14. Kindred Community (Des Moines, IA) Requested money for printing of newsletter. We postponed to give them more time to answer our questions.

22. Friends of Elizam Escobar (Chicago, IL) requested money for expense of national tour of art. We postponed to get more references and to ask them how this exhibit spec. connects to organizing efforts, who will be reached by this, is this art political?

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Board Meeting - Sept. 21, 11AM
Louis Kampf's house
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Cambridge, MA 02139 Tel.: (617)492-3468

Before I start on the agenda, two short notes: first, we just recieved word from the Lotus Development Corp. that they are giving us an IBM personal computer. Nancy W., on the advice of a Resist contributor, sent them a proposal and they said yes! Good work, Wech.

Second thing - we're trying something new on the proxy sheet. At the suggestion of Tess, I have a short form for folks who might attend board meetings (but not regularly). It now gives you a chance to give us some input on what's a good date for you to attend the next meeting. Please fill it out and send it in with your proxy sheet for this meeting.

And now to the:

AGENDA

- * Office - finances, update on computer, and odds & ends.
- * Staff Search - As you know, Ken Tangvik will be leaving as newsletter staffperson. The staff will have a proposal for process of staff search to fill his position and be looking for volunteers for committee.
- * Board Search - If you recall, last winter when we completed the process of finding new board members - Connie Chan and Roxanna Pastor - it was suggested that we re-open the board search for new members, who are people of color, in the fall. Well, here we are with September. I'm not sure we can handle both a staff and a board search at the same time but I'm at least bringing it up. We'll discuss some kind of timeline.

GRANT REQUESTS

Central America Work

- 1) "Los Refugiados" (Sea Cliff, NY) - \$600 requested for distribution costs of video documentary on Salvadoran refugee crisis in U.S.
- 2) COMPAS Campaign (Cambridge, MA) - Request fo \$600 toward costs of coalition's campaign, "Reagan wages war, We build Peace".
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4) NISGUA (Washington, DC) - Request of \$600 for production costs of a 4-page newspaper on human rights crisis in Guatemala as part of their national campaign.

5) TechNica (Boston, MA) - \$500 asked toward costs of a media campaign for their "Volunteers for the Americas" project.

6) Marin Interfaith Task Force on Central America (Mill Valley, CA)- Funds requested to help with expenses of U.S. based office of the Human Rights Commission of El Salvador in the U.S. I sent them a copy of our new Application Form questions for further info.

Community Organizing

8) Black Community Information Center (Dorchester, MA) - Since they didn't send much info, again, I sent them the new Questions (a copy is in this packet) - needed answers to ??# 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13.

9) Texas Tenants' Union (Dallas, TX) - \$428 requested for printing of self help forms, newsletters and brochures. Needed answers to questions, sent form.

10) Eviction Free Zone Coalition (Jamaica Plain, MA) - Request of \$600 for stipend for an Hispanic tenant organizer to coordinate volunteers. We recently gave them an emergency grant of \$100, so the most we could grant would be \$500.

Peace and Anti-nuke Work

11) Western Maryland CALC (Frederick, MD) - Request of \$500 toward formation costs of a Peace & Justice Center in their area.

12) Employees' Legal Project (Amesbury, MA) - \$500 requested for outreach program to labor unions and organizers in New England. I sent them the Questions and their responses are included in packet.

13) Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice (Orlando) - They are asking for \$500 to help cover costs of publicity and mailing for a national demo at Cape Canaveral in Jan. of 1987. I sent them Form, needed answers to #1,2,5,8,10,11. No response yet.

Homeless Advocate Work

14) Kindred Community (Des Moines, IA) - Request of \$400 for printing of newsletter. Sent ??'s, need answers to 5,6,9,10,11. No answers yet.

15) Advocates for Shelter Action/Policy (St. Petersburg, FL) - \$400 requested for a typewriter for use in Newsletter production and also \$200 asked for bulk mail costs.

Miscellaneous

16) Coalition for IL Divestment in South Africa (Chicago) - \$500 request toward cost of printing posters to both advertise fund raising concert and also for sale.

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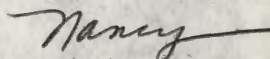
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22) Friends of Elizam Escobar (Chicago, IL) - Funds requested for expenses of national tour of art. I sent them questions and they responded to most but I can't seem to find a specific \$ request. Maybe you can.

Not too many requests for this meeting. I guess everybody's been on vacation. But watch out for the November meeting, it might be a big 'un. I hope everyone's had a good summer. Please send in your proxies if you get the full packet. Also send in your "next meetings" slip, too. If anyone other than those who get full packets want them sent, please drop me a note.

For peace and justice,



Nancy Moniz

Resist staff

GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Organization _____

General Information

- 1) Give a brief history of your group.
- 2) What are the goals of your group and how do you plan to achieve them?
- 3) Other than the project for which you are requesting funds, please briefly describe other current and planned future projects of your group?
- 4) How does your group operate? How do you make decisions? How many members?
- 5) Please attach a yearly financial budget, both income and expenses.
- 6) Which other foundations have you applied to in the past and with what results? Are you applying to other foundations for this project?

Political Information

- 7) Briefly - what is the political philosophy of your group? What political work do you do and on which issues?
- 8) Do you belong to a national organization or party? If so, which?
- 9) Do you work in coalitions? How do you work on other national and international issues and with which groups?
- 10) What is the make-up/diversity of your group in terms of age, race, sexual preference, class, men/women?
- 11) What is the position of your group (including programs, coalition work) on the issues of the rights of (a) people of color, (b) working class and poor people, (c) women including reproductive rights and the right to abortion, (d) gay & lesbian rights/liberation, (e) disabled people, (f) older people. Please answer each of these questions.

Specific project for funding

- 12) Amount requested:
- 13) Please describe the project and attach a budget breakdown for it.

Proxy Sheet Resist Board Meeting September 21, 1986

- 1) "Los Refugiados" ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 2) COMPAS Campaign ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 3) Guatemala Health Rights Support Project ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 4) CoMadres Video & Tour Project ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 5) NISGUA ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 6) TechNica ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 7) Marin Interfaith Task Force on C.A. ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 8) Black Community Information Center ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 9) Texas Tenants' Union ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 10) Eviction Free Zone Coalition ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 11) Western Maryland CALC ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 12) Employees' Legal Project ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 13) FL. Coalition for Peace & Justice ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 14) Kindred Community ____Y ____N ____Maybe

- Proxy Sheet (cont'd)

- 15) Advocates for Shelter Action/Policy ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 16) Coalition for IL Divest. from South Africe ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 17) Coalition for Prisoners' Rights ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 18) NLG (Columbia Chapter) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
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- 20) Take Back Nite Coalition ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 21) Rhode Island Project/AIDS ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 22) Friends of Elizam Escobar ____Y ____N ____Maybe
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Please send in the info below if you can't be at the Sept. 21 meeting.

The meeting after the Sept. 21 meeting in Cambridge is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 2 in New York City.

Is this date and place convenient for you to attend? _____

Would you be able to attend the meeting if on Nov. 9 _____

The following meeting will be in the Boston area. Can you attend?

Which date is more convenient: Dec. 7 _____ Dec. 14 _____
Dec. 21 _____

Name _____