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***Please Note: There is one addition to the May 3rd board meeting Grants Requests Agenda: #38, Girllillas (J.P., MA). Postponed from April 16th meeting. Request of $600 for sound system equipment.

Since we had so many proposals come in by our April 9th deadline, the staff decided to call an interim board meeting to handle the overload, specifically the proposals that had funding requests for April events.

Present: Ken Hale, Wayne O'Neil, Pam Chamberlain, Nancy Moniz, Roxanna Pastor, Tatiana Schreiber, Nancy Wechsler

We had a brief discussion of how much money we should allocate for this round of grants. We had 9 grant requests for this meeting but also felt we should somehow consider them as a part of the May meeting (presently 36 grant requests) which would mean we had 45 grant requests all together, and therefore $9000 between the two meetings. We ended up giving out $2325 at the interim meeting, leaving $6675 for the May 3rd meeting.

GRANTS

We had a lot of good applications for this meeting.

1. Mothers Tour for Peace (Jamaica Plain, MA) $350 towards local costs (printing, advertising, organizing) of national tour of Nicaraguan mothers. References were good, Roxanna said she'd heard the women were very good.

2. Mobilization for Survival Middle East Task Force (Cambridge, MA) $400 to cover costs of brochure on Arab/Israeli/Palestinian conflict for April Actions. People like the brochure and felt good about funding Middle East work.

3. Gay Community News (Boston, MA) $400 towards cost of moving their typesetting equipment and setting up a room for it in their new office space.

4. Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (Boston, MA) $375 towards cost of printer for their computer. They had originally asked for expenses for a forum on immigration, which people really liked. Wechsler had suggested to them that since their request would come up at a meeting AFTER the forum had already happened they should either give us an update on expenses, or change their request to something else. They ended up changing their request, but people on the board actually felt more excited by the forum. We agreed to let them know we would be open to possibly funding another forum in the future.

5. Ikwe Marketing Collective (Osage, MN) $400 for skills training for staff of this Native American Women's group. References were good.

6. Support for Future Generations (Flagstaff, AZ) $400 for printing and other expenses for this Native American yearly "Spring Gathering" on April 16-20th. References were good.
8) National Writers' Union/Boston Local - They're asking for an unspecified amount for expenses of organizing for their conference of New England writers on April 25.

That's it for the interim meeting agenda.

You'll be interested to know that the Community Building Corporation (formerly the Movement Building Coalition) has submitted a proposal to buy a building on Prospect St., Central Square, Cambridge, to the building owners. We would be buying said building in partnership with the Cambridge Enterprise Collaborative which consists of: the City of Cambridge, the Area 4 and the Area 3 Neighborhood Committees, the Cambridge Boys' and Girls' Club and Employment Resources, Inc. I'll keep you updated on the progress of our bid. Unfortunately, the building is owned by the Archdiocese of Boston. God (sic) knows what they'll decide considering our politics. This might turn out to be very interesting in more ways than one.

For peace and justice,

Nancy

Nancy Moniz
Resist staff

Comments

1) Mothers Tour for Peace _____Y _____N _____Maybe

2) VVAW _____Y _____N _____Maybe

3) Mobe Middle East Task Force _____Y _____N _____Maybe

4) Gay Community News _____Y _____N _____Maybe

5) GLAD _____Y _____N _____Maybe

6) Ikwe Marketing Collective _____Y _____N _____Maybe

7) Support for Future Generations _____Y _____N _____Maybe

8) National Writers Union/Boston _____Y _____N _____Maybe
As discussed at the last Board Meeting in March, it seems necessary to schedule this interim meeting before the May 3rd meeting. We've received many proposals for that meeting, some of which are requesting funding for April projects. I've polled the board and at least six board members can attend the above meeting. I'll only send copies of the proposals to be considered to those members who can attend but will send the minutes of the meeting to all members. You also will be receiving at a later date all the proposals for the May meeting in your usual fashion.

GRANT REQUESTS

1) Mothers Tour for Peace (Jamaica Plain, MA) - $600 requested toward local costs (printing, advertising, organizing) of national tour of Nicaraguan mothers. This was postponed at March meeting because people needed more info on who the organizers are: individuals from organizations or representatives of groups. They've supplied the information requested.

2) Vietnam Veterans Against the War (Chicago, IL) - Request of $500 for printing of educational material for tour of Vietnam in April and May.

3) Mobilization for Survival/Middle East Task Force (Cambridge, MA) - They're asking for $500 to cover part of the cost of a brochure on Arab/Israeli/Palestinian conflict for April Actions.

4) Gay Community News (Boston, MA) - $600 requested toward cost of moving their typesetting equipment to their new office space.


6) Ikwe Marketing Collective (Osage, MN) - $500 request for skills training for staff of this Native American women's group.

7) Support for Future Generations (Flagstaff, AZ) - Request of $600 for printing and other expenses for this Native American yearly "Spring Gathering" on April 16 thru' 20.
POSTPONED

9. Girillas (Jamaica Plain, MA) They had requested $600 for a mixer for their political band. We decided to postpone to the May 3rd meeting so we could decide on whether or not this was a Resist priority in the context of a larger number of grant applications.

NOs

2. Vietnam Veterans Against the War (Chicago, IL) They had requested $500 for printing of educational material for tour of Vietnam in April and May. We had originally said yes to this group (so enthused by Vietnam Vets doing anti-war work) but then realized they were asking us for money to update a brochure that we hadn't even seen a draft of. So we agreed to say no for now and encourage them to re-apply when they have the brochure done, so we can see it.

8. National Writers' Union/Boston Local- They asked for money towards expenses of organizing for their conference of New England writers on April 25. Basically people felt they were too liberal for us. They answered some of the questions by saying they had "no political philosoph." Barbara from D&S is involved and says it's not a radical group but it has some radicals in it. We agreed to say to them that it was a "good thing that writers are organizing, good luck with the conference but our funds are very limited and we want to give money to groups taking an activist stance on political issues."