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Interim Meeting

Present: Tatiana Schreiber, Nancy Moniz, Ken Hale, Kate Cloud, and Nancy Wechsler (minutes).

GRANT REQUESTS

We had 12 groups to consider at this interim meeting. That made the pool of money for the meeting $3000. We ended up giving out $3450 to 9 groups. Of that $3450, $200 is contingent on the group still needing it. (Wechsler argued we could go over the $3000, since we have ended the last three years with reasonable surpluses. Had we stuck to the $3000 limit, each group would have been given an average grant of $371.)

1) Indigenous Women's Network (Lake Elmo, MN) - $600 asked for start up funds to formally organize as a nonprofit organization and an NGO for United Nations. We had been waiting for more information, particularly how they would use the NGO status, where in the process they were, and how they would use a Resist grant. They didn't respond at all until recently, when they called to say they couldn't find a copy of Nancy's letter detailing what information we needed. Nancy sent them another copy, but they haven't responded yet. Decision: We decided to send them a friendly NO. Say something like, "We can't fund you at this time, but we will keep your application on file and when we get the additional information we requested we will put it on the next board agenda."

9) Dorchester Women's Committee (MA) - $200 requested toward expenses of annual Dorchester International Women's Day. This was postponed from our March 5th meeting. We wanted to talk to a few people who had gone to the event and get their feedback. We also wanted to check in with the planning committee and find out if they still needed the money, as well as get their responses to some of our concerns (see minutes of March 5th meeting for more details). Nancy Moniz wrote them a letter asking them if they still needed the money and mentioning our concerns. They did not respond. Nancy talked to several people, including: Joyce Kauffman, who thought the turnout was good, a good mix of people. Susan Worgaftic, who thought the event had a strong political message, diverse group, well attended. Mujeres Unidas, who didn't participate as a group but went to event. Thought there were a lot of minority women there, and that there was a Spanish translator available. Tatiana also went to the event and gave this report: Didn't remember seeing a Spanish translator, but might have missed the announcement that there was one. There were many Latinas there, it was very multi-cultural and diverse. But there were pros and cons of event. It was so last minute and disorganized that no one had rehearsed. It seemed like some people had written their skits that morning. Best part was the Women's Convoy to El Salvador. Some of the rest seemed haphazard. Women, Inc. people were very good, but there wasn't a lot of interaction between play and audience. (This
was what Tatiana said. Mujeres Unidas thought there was a lot of interaction between play and audience.) Decision: Give them a $200 grant (what they asked for) if they still need it. We will repeat to them our questions/concerns about the Spanish translation of the leaflet.

10) N.H. Central America Network (Concord) - Requested $600 for production of brochure on group. Nancy Moniz wrote them for wording of brochure, and they asked that the proposal be postponed till April, so that they would have time to get us the wording. Decision: Postpone to April 30th meeting.

11) Women's Convoy to Central America (Boston, MA) - Requested $600 for organizing a June convoy of material aid to C.A. women's organizations. Tatiana was very impressed with their part of Dorchester IWD. Multi-racial group. They are encouraging women with children to go on convoy and are helping to make arrangements for the kids to be taken care of here. Mike Prokash, of NECAN said they were a good organization, well structured, linking local and CA issues. Decision: YES, $450.

12) Northern California CISPES (Santa Rosa) - Requested $460 for a modem, answering machine, and access fee for PeaceNet. Vanguard said they were quite active, do have impact in grassroots organizing. Vanguard thinks it is important to fund groups like this because funding has dropped off for C.A. groups. Question raised about how many people are really in this group? Decision: YES, $425.

15) Alliance for Latin America (Seattle, WA) - Requested $600 for production of a directory of Latin America peace groups in the Puget Sound area. Dan P. from Pacific Peace Fund said that C.A. work in Seattle very fragmented. There is the possibility of Line of March in leadership. He thought the directory is low priority, but newsletter is good. Discussion: People not thrilled by project. What is purpose of directory? Possibly to help new people find a way to get involved. Decision: Since people weren't thrilled by project, but thought newsletter was good, and project could possibly be useful, we decided on a SOME, $200.

17) Western Mass. Central America Network (Amherst) - Requested $342 for brochures and for their calendar/newsletter. Francis Crowe of Western Mass AFSC was kind of negative. Said they only do the calendar, don't seem to do much else. Not really organizers, and calendar not really necessary. Mike Prokash said they had decided to do calendar after trying for a year to do more networking and finding that the more long-standing groups didn't feel they needed to do more networking. Discussion: We found the references hard to evaluate. Only four people in group. Decision: NO GRANT. We agreed to say something like, "We feel this is a project that should be done in cooperation with another group, that it should be a project of an existing group. If in the future you have an organizing project/event, you could re-apply to us and we would consider funding that. The calendar is not a priority for Resist at this time, we had a lot of proposals, etc.

18) Arms Control Research Center (San Francisco, CA) - Requested $750 for an engine for their cabin cruiser which is used in direct actions. Vanguard has turned them down in both 87 and 88 because they were expanding into non-
organizing work. Main project has been homeporting and Vanguard has funded them for that. They were rejected when they applied for non-homeporting work. Vanguard also had questions about lack of affirmative action in hiring of staff. Didn't feel ARC was making commitment to work in communities of color. Didn't like composition of the board. Discussion: This project was for homeporting organizing. Decision: YES, $425.

25) Students & Faculty to End Israeli Occupation (Long Beach, CA) - Requested $600 for their organizing campaign to form a sister university relationship between Cal.State at Long Beach and BirZeit University. David Peck was reference. Very positive. Not too many financial resources on campus. Thinks this is a good project. Discussion: One of our pledges wrote the grant application. She called right after the March 5th meeting to find out the results, and was very disappointed we had postponed the decision. Mentioned the time constraints of working on a campus where students aren't around all year. She asked if she could do a donor directed grant if we didn't end up funding the group. She said if they were turned down she wouldn't have enough money to both fund the group and give Resist her $500 a year pledge. Before the meeting several of us had agreed that if the group wasn't funded we would feel comfortable with a donor directed grant. At the meeting people said they felt good about the project, felt that they didn't believe money would be available on campus, and that they needed the grant. The issue was raised that they hadn't answered all of our questions, particularly #10. Decision: YES to a grant of $450. Mention something like, "while we realize that you are primarily a single issue group we would still encourage you to have discussions of and take positions on the issues raised in question #10 of our grant application form.

31) National Chicano Human Rights Council (San Francisco, CA) - Requested $600 for office equipment and for costs of producing a brochure on the organization. Bill Hoffman, from the Palestinian Solidarity Committee said the people in this group are very good activists, but he doesn't know much about the group. Issue is becoming more visible, but group not high profile yet. He talked with other folks, got good feedback about group. People involved have good connections. Question was raised from about what specific projects were they working on? What exactly are they doing? Decision: YES, $425, and encourage them to get more women on the board of directors.

36) CALC of Lane County (Eugene, OR) - Requested $600 to purchase 6 videos for their work on Southern Africa. We funded them in 1985. McKenzie River Gathering said they were very comprehensive, deal with a lot of different issues. Provided leadership to National and state CALC. CALC initiated anti-apartheid work. Dedicated to affirmative action in membership and board. Held forum on lesbian/gay rights and participated in ballot issues in Oregon. Questions raised about the films. Only one seems to be made by a women, and none are specifically about women. Decision: YES, $425.

38) Coalition for Community Control of Development (Boston, MA) - Requested $600 for a copying machine. Ken Tangvik praised the group. Thought this was a realistic request. Decision: YES, $450.

That's it. See you April 30th in NYC.

Nancy Wechsler