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Dear board member,

Spring is coming, thank goodness. Below, as usual, you'll find the agenda for the April meeting in Boston.

If you haven't sent in your choices for dates for the Board meeting after this one in New York City, please, do so! I've included another form to send in. It's at the end of the agenda.

If you can't make this meeting, please send in your proxy (if you receive the complete packet) and also drop us a note of any opinions, etc.

AGENDA

** Any last minute items of information by staff which are important to meeting.

GRANT REQUESTS

Native American Issues

1) Witness for Nonviolence for Treaty Rights in Northern Wisconsin (Milwaukee, WI) - $? requested for ????

2) Leonard Peltier Defense Committee (Lawrence, KS) - Requesting $? for ????

3) Veterans Peace Action Teams (San Francisco, CA) - They're asking for $600 for production & distribution of leaflets, packets and brochures for the Veterans Convoy to Big Mountain.

Central & Latin America

4) Walk to Witness (Cambridge, MA) - Requesting $600 toward the expenses of educational & media work in the U.S. about the Nicaraguan elections. Postponed from last meeting. I've asked them to send an update of their tour as well as a report on their planned follow-up work. We also wanted to know how they would present the results of the election to the public and their analysis of the results.
5) Springfield Central America Project (MA) - $600 asked for production of their bi-monthly newsletter.

6) Coalition for a National Conference on Guatemala (Washington, DC) - Request of $500 toward general expenses of the Conference to be held on June 9 & 10, 1990.

7) Philadelphia CISPES (PA) - $600 requested toward purchase of a copying machine.

8) Chicago Honduran Information Network (IL) - They're asking for $600 for outreach campaign materials (a brochure and a newsletter) and for non-travel tour expenses.

9) Somerville Sister City Project (MA) - Requesting $600 for expenses of their public outreach program.

10) Voices on the Border (Washington, DC) - $600 request for slide show about Salvadoran refugees in Central America.

Gay and Lesbian Organizing

11) Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) - $600 requested for publication of a curriculum on homophobia for the Los Angeles School District. I've asked Pam C. to review the book and make a report at the meeting.

12) Southern Appalachian Lesbian & Gay Alliance (Asheville, NC) - $598 asked for the costs of a telephone line for their Discrimination Documentation Project.

13) Quatrefoil Library (St. Paul, MN) - Request of $600 for a consultant, materials and outreach & advertising costs.

14) Gay & Lesbian Community Network (Buffalo, NY) - $542.50 asked for production of brochures for Gay Pride Fest in the city.

Women

15) Women's Energy Against Violence (Worcester, MA) - Asking $600 for re-design, translation and printing of the group's introductory brochure. Postponed from the last meeting. We need a reference on the group.

16) Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights of Illinois (Chicago) - $500 asked for the production of a brochure for their women of color program.

17) LYDIA: a Women's Cooperative Exchange (Arlington, MA) - Request of $528 for production and printing costs of one issue of their newsletter.

18) Womancenter of Plainville (MA) - $400 requested for initial publicity expenses for their project on the 1992 observance of
the "discovery" of America.

Peace/Anti-militarism work

19) Veterans' Education Project (Amherst, MA) - $505 asked for production of their National Training Program brochures.

20) Alternatives to the Military (Lincoln, NE) - Asking $543 for the purchase of literature for project in Lincoln high schools.

21) Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice (Orlando, FL) - Request of $500 toward production of an up-dated brochure on the planned Oct. 1990 plutonium-on-board shuttle launch.

22) Griffiss Peace Community (Rome, NY) - Requesting $200 for expenses of their educational outreach project for the Air Base's Open House in July.

Health/AIDS/Disabled

23) ADAPT of Texas (Austin) - $600 for production costs of their newsletter, "Incitement." Since it's 18 pages long, I'll have copies at the board meeting.

24) HIV/AIDS and Disability Network (Boston, MA) - $600 requested for scholarship expenses for people with HIV and other disabilities for their conference, "Building Alliances Within the HIV & Disabled Communities" on May 15 & 16.

25) ACT NOW (San Francisco, CA) - $600 request for expenses of workshops and a forum in June.

Community Organizing

26) Chicanos Against Military Intervention in Latin America (Austin, TX) - They're asking for $600 toward expenses of their office in organizing an East Austin Youth Bike Project.

27) Chelsea's Commission on Hispanic Affairs (MA) - $600 asked for production of a bi-lingual brochure on the organization.

28) Free My People/Youth Leadership Movement (Roxbury, MA) - Request of $600 for general operating expenses.

Pacific and Asia

29) Philippine Workers' Support Committee/Boston (MA) - Asking for $??? for publicity & organizational costs for a tour of a Philippine labor leader. They had to change their request at the last minute. I'll send you info when I receive it.

30) International Committee for Peace & Reunification of Korea (Washington, DC) - $600 asked toward expenses of their National Founding Conference for the U.S. Region, Mar.30 - Apr.1.
Miscellaneous

31) Najda: Women Concerned about the Middle East (Berkeley, CA) - They're asking for $600 for printing costs of their "Arab World Notebook for the Secondary School Level." Very big book! I've asked Louis K. to review it and report to the board meeting.

32) DC Student Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism (Washington, DC) - $600 requested for salary for a part-time intern.

33) Clergy & Laity Concerned (New York, NYOH) - Request of $600 toward printing & distribution costs of a packet, "Rediscovering the History of the Americas - 1492 to 1992."

34) Virginia Association Against the Death Penalty (Richmond) - They're asking for $600 toward the purchase of a printer.

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Newsletter

* Alan Hunter's suggestion that we have state-of-the movement articles in the NL. We'll have to decide how/when to discuss this.

* Fund raising

* Office - Finances and other miscellaneous items.

* Next board meeting - No date has been set for the next board meeting but it should be in New York City.

I'll send copies of any additional information sent by the group's with proposals on this agenda when I receive it.

For peace and justice,

Nancy Moniz
Resist staff

The following are my choices for the board meeting in NYC: ___

June 3 _____ June 10 _____ June 17 _____ June 24 _____

Signature

P.S. - Please also mention which dates you definitely can't make!
Board Meeting - April 22, 1990
65 Antrim St.
Cambridge, MA


GRANTS: We gave out a total of $13,488.50 to 28 groups.

Since we had so many good proposals, we agreed that we could give out some of the money this month that wasn’t given out at the last board meeting.

Native American Issues


2) Leonard Peltier Defense Committee (Lawrence, KS). GRANT: $600 for general expenses. Reference: Ken Hale-- he dealt with them 3 years ago. Good group. Do more than stuff around Leonard Peltier. National AFSC: Very supportive of committee. Discussion: Tatiana thought they were on verge of a new big effort to publicize case. Decision: YES to $600 grant.

3) Veterans Peace Action Teams (San Francisco, CA) - They asked for $600 for production & distribution of leaflets, packets and brochures for the Veterans Convoy to Big Mountain. NM pointed our that they are large budget organization, $230,000. She wrote them asking for clarification about their budget and whether or not they really needed our money. They replied that they had requested $600 because funding for this project is still tenuous. They probably won’t receive the amounts projected. Reference: Indian Treaty Rights Council: 90-100 trucks expected. Convoy could put issue back on front page. Very positive reference. Budget: Teams sometimes can and sometimes can’t get funding. Bill Hoffman: Very level headed people. Very committed. Hans proxy: Yes. Deserve the benefit of all doubts. Discussion: good connections being made with this work. Decision: YES to $600 grant.

Central & Latin America

4) Walk to Witness (Cambridge, MA) - WITHDREW THEIR REQUEST for $600. (Which is probably good, since no one at the meeting seemed that into the proposal.)

5) Springfield Central America Project (MA) - $600 asked for production of their bi-monthly newsletter. Reference: Peace Dev. Fund- small group, but effective, professional, good organizing strategy, successful in carrying out programs. 1 year ago not too well connected to Afro-American and Latin communities, doing better now. Brief discussion. Decision: YES to $600 grant.

6) Coalition for a National Conference on Guatemala (Washington, DC) - Requested $500 toward general expenses of June 9-10 Conference. Reference: Mike Prokash- positive reference. Groups well thought of. Discussion: several questions raised. This is a large budget operation. Sometimes we do, and sometimes we don’t fund conferences. What will the outcome of this conference be? Will it create new materials? Should we fund a project that comes out of the conference, instead of the conference itself? Organizations are at their limit. Budgets don’t have extra fat. Conference will happen no matter what,
so what should we do. Decision: YES to $500 grant.

7) Philadelphia CISPES (PA) - $600 requested for copying machine. Reference: Frank Brodhead- Reference in 1988. Good group, consistent, always there, newsletter kind of dull but has local angle and information. Some church people uncomfortable with working with them because CISPES is into support for the guerrilla struggle and the church people are into non-violence. Bread and Roses: positive reference. Hans by proxy: Yes. Discussion: Proposal was dull. How are they keeping organization alive and recruiting new members? Decision: Yes to $600 grant.

8) Chicago Honduran Information Network (IL) - $600 requested for brochure, newsletter, and non-travel tour expenses. Reference: Oscar Hernandez- Hadn’t heard of them at first, but then did some checking up on them. Was very pleased. He and Roxanna know one of the people. Group is Honduran and non-Honduran. They are trying to fill the void left by HIC. Oscar will be meeting with them. Maybe they will re-start the old HIC Update. Question: Do they have any relationship/contact with CODEH? They want more input from CODEH, but they are a new group and hadn’t quite made the strong links yet. Hans by proxy: Yes. Decision: Yes to $600 grant.

9) Somerville Sister City Project (MA) - $600 requested for public outreach program. Reference: Jack Hamilton- Wishes he could work with them. Very impressed. Active group. Hans by proxy: Yes. Discussion: it’s very exciting all this work is going on in Somerville. Decision: Yes to $600 grant.

10) Voices on the Border (Washington, DC) - $600 requested for slide show about Salvadoran refugees in Central America. Reference: Jean Hardisty- (on their advisory board) good group, shoe string budget, Salvadorans and religious folks, good networking, group not redundant with other groups. Comments: They get church money. Why didn’t they get Funding Exchange money? Criteria: they do work over here about situation in El Salvador. Good slide show: simple. Decision: Yes to $600 grant.

Gay and Lesbian Organizing

11) Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/L.A. (Los Angeles, CA) - $600 requested for publication of curriculum on homophobia for Los Angeles School District. Reference: George Vickers- Knows of group and Dean. Competent, on the FOR board. Approach will be non-rhetorical and careful. Liberty Hill: great opportunity, group pretty solid. Pam Chamberlain: read curriculum. designed to correct original course of Anti-Defamation League (ADL) "A world of Difference" about "racial prejudice." ADL only interested in ethnic and religious prejudice (ie. anti-Semitism). Very little about Afro-Americans. Pam says info in curriculum is adequate, ok, non-threatening, anti-homophobia. She said she herself would write it differently and it probably wouldn’t have been accepted by the school district. Pam raised these questions: Do we want to support GLAAD to keep working with ADL’s A World of Difference Campaign, which is shot through with problems of racism and sexism? Is this useful in challenging ADL? Pam thinks it is worthless to reform ADL curricula. Focus is gay rights, not gay liberation. More the "we are just like you and me" approach. It’s an attempt to prove respectability. Discussion: We should support projects that are more challenging and radical. GLAAD does good work in LA. Maybe we should support a different project of theirs. Decision: NO grant, with a letter. Letter should include something like the following: We like a lot of your work, we are open to funding requests for other projects, we have our doubts about the approach of telling people gays/lesbians are just like everyone else. We have doubts about reforming a basically problematic curricula of the ADL. We are troubled by ADL’s racist, sexist and anti-Palestinian views. We think a curricula on homophobia geared toward teenagers needs to take up AIDS. We think the best approach in dealing with AIDS and homophobia with
teenagers is to invite PWAs, gays/lesbians into the classroom for a discussion/question and answer period.

12) Southern Appalachian Lesbian & Gay Alliance (Asheville, NC) - $598 requested for their Discrimination Documentation Project. Reference: Mandy Carter- positive reference. SALGA came to anti-Helms organizing meeting. They do good coalition work. Few people of color, but not high percentage of people of color near Asheville. Lesbian leadership in mainly male group. This is good project for that area. Model for other parts of the state. Decision: Yes to grant of $598.

13) Quatrefoil Library (St. Paul, MN) - Requested $600 for consultant, library materials, outreach & advertising expenses. Reference: Headwaters fund- knows of them. active in gay/lesbian and progressive community. good coalition work. good size resource library. social service but gives resources for organizing work. Similar to NYC lesbian Herstory Archives. Discussion: Not just service. They had Simon Nkoli come. They are requesting materials specifically for and about people of color. Question: re their position on abortion/repro rights. Why don't they have one? Decision: Yes to grant of $600.

14) Gay & Lesbian Community Network (Buffalo, NY) - $542.50 requested for production of Gay Pride Fest brochures. NM reported that they recently received a $5000 donation from an elderly lesbian, which will allow them to have an office. Reference: Liz Kennedy- Great network, newsletter goes out regularly, organization has transformed whole community. Progressive group. Open to suggestions for people of color speakers for gay/lesbian literacy series. Work for alternative candidates. Would like to see more anti-racism work. No real movement in Buffalo. They do have some people of color members. Discussion: Questions raised about the language used in the proposal, was it too intellectual, confusing? See goals of group, page 3. See their answer to Question 10, gay/lesbian subsection. People liked their gay literacy program. Decision: Yes to grant of $542.50.

Women

15) Women’s Energy Against Violence (Worcester, MA) - $600 requested for introductory brochure. Postponed from the last meeting. Reference: they have made connections with Latino groups. Have people of color in the group. Recognize need to translate materials. Discussion: Liked that they marched in St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Fran didn’t like comment in "outreach" about people of color having lack of time. Questions about Take Back the Night... needs to have a central race focus...incorporate what happens to men of color on streets. You have to acknowledge, recognize what happens to men of color on streets, at the same time you want to take back the night for women. If you don’t take this in...then maybe women of color won’t see it as something they want to do. Tatiana: Didn’t like gay/lesbian answer. Didn’t seem to have an understanding of gay/lesbian liberation/sexuality issues. Other comments: Focus too narrow. Good to translate stuff, but will it speak to the community? Maybe we shouldn’t hold Worcester to the same standard as Boston? Decision: A grant of $200 (SOME) and mention in letter some of the issues that we raised.

16) Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights of Illinois (Chicago) - $500 requested for brochure for their women of color program. Reference: Jackie Shad from Crossroads- not broad agenda or politics. Gay/lesbians not a part of it. Discussion: It's important for religious groups to do these things, but is this our priority? Tatiana: Women of color group wants to expand concept of reproductive rights. Check out the mission statement that came out of DC. Wechsler: thinks we should absolutely fund them. Believes that RCAR is serving as an umbrella group for women of color to come together to set their own agenda for repro rights organizing. Decision: Yes to grant of $500.
17) LYDIA: a Women’s Cooperative Interchange (Arlington, MA) - Requested $528 for their newsletter. Reference: Ms Foundation— they had difficult time raising funds. No one else doing this. They are a resource for Ms. Not social service, work is politicizing. Jeff Bernstein, ICA- Staff people very good. New organization. Discussion: Tatiana liked proposal. Wechsler didn’t like it. "Common struggle of women in the workplace." There isn’t a common struggle of women in the workplace...there are so many differences based on race/ethnic background, class, type of workplace. Other comments: Louis- this is historically and sociologically very interesting, but not a Resist priority. Pam: Dominican nuns always focus on poor. Questions: Do worker owned coops challenge capitalism? What changes do they make in people’s lives? Does it politicize them? Token grant? Decision: Token $100. Not a Resist priority, but we want to support your work. Steer them towards church funding. Looking forward to see what they do here in the Boston area.

18) Womancenter of Plainville (MA) - $400 requested for project on 1992 observance of the "discovery" of America. Reference: Jean Gallo- very political, consistent work, very positive reference. Questions raised about distribution. Hans by proxy: yes, put them in touch with CALC. Decision: Yes, we are glad they are doing this project. Grant of $400.

Peace/Anti-militarism work

19) Veterans’ Education Project (Amherst, MA) - $505 requested for National Training Program brochures. Reference: Peace Development Fund of W. Mass- Very effective at getting into schools, there are women involved, they have women speakers. Model for other projects. Hans by proxy: yes, goes back to our roots. Decision: Yes to grant of $505.

20) Alternatives to the Military (Lincoln, NE) - $543 requested for the purchase of literature for project in Lincoln high schools. Reference: Very visible as activists. Weekly vigil at federal building. Heavy military presence in Lincoln. Important to fund group. Good on gay/lesbian issues. Louis K.: Ruth Thone is terrific. Hans by proxy: Yes. Questions raised about whether or not the focus is too narrow. Being too careful, will they make connections? see answer to question 10c, repro rights. They use CCCO material, which is quite good. Maybe they didn’t know how to answer question 10. Their material is better than their answers. Decision: Yes to grant of $543.

21) Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice (Orlando, FL) - $500 requested for brochure on the planned Oct. 1990 plutonium-on-board shuttle launch. Reference: Mandy Carter- good group, good work, highly recommended. This is a key progressive organization in Florida. Discussion: They came to us before 1 year was up. Decision: Yes to $500 grant. Very positive feels about group. Let them know they shouldn’t come back to us until June, 1991.

22) Griffiss Peace Community (Rome, NY) - $200 requested for educational outreach project. Reference: Great folks, good community people, small core group, but quite a few people involved in actions. Worked with Syracuse Peace Council. Hans by proxy: Yes. Discussion: Action is good but group is small. They are only asking for $200. Decision: Yes to grant of $200.

Health/AIDS/Disabled

23) ADAPT of Texas (Austin) $600 requested newsletter, "Incitement." Reference: Ruth Powers, AFSC, Austin- active, dedicated, solid. Texas Alliance for Human Needs- effective leadership, good on public policy, latino organizers in group, diverse audiences, good coalition work, get media coverage. Hans by proxy: maybe. Discussion of why we turned down another ADAPT chapter in the past (because of Alinsky issue). Decision: Yes to grant of
24) HIV/AIDS and Disability Network (Boston, MA) - $600 requested for scholarships for people with HIV and other disabilities for their conference, "Building Alliances Within the HIV & Disabled Communities" on May 15 & 16. No reference. Hans by proxy: maybe. Discussion: They are sub committee of federally funded council. Wechsler talked to them on phone before they wrote grant. Told them they would have to prove why they needed Resist money, and what was radical and activist about project. Pam: Not a Resist priority. Effort should be supported more by others. Decision: Write a very supportive letter. We are glad this is happening. But since it is a state-run thing, it is not something we can fund. NO GRANT.

25) ACT NOW (San Francisco, CA) - $600 requested for June workshops/forum. Reference: Vanguard- heard good things about them. Challenge and present issues differently than other AIDS organizations in area. Consensus structure. They haven’t applied to Vanguard. "Tell them to apply to us." Wechsler: Definitely we should fund them. Radical, good people, good network. Decision: Yes to grant of $600, and tell them to apply to Vanguard.

Community Organizing

26) Chicanos Against Military Intervention in Latin America (Austin, TX) - $600 requested for organizing Youth Bike Project. Reference: AFSC- very active group. knew of project. AFSC is networking on this. Hans by proxy: Yes. Comments: Liked the way they are re-thinking what their main goal was. But why bikes? How were they going to get kids to have political perspective on other issues, or make connections? Gives youth activity to get involved with, and then they hope to get the kids involved in other projects. Their objectives are not made clear. If we do fund them, we should say that young people should be involved in decision-making. They should come back to us with clearer agenda. Make connections more clearly with bike project and other issues and their own political agenda. What’s going to happen down the road? Will the kids get involved with decision-making and other projects? Will they get involved with articulating a drug policy? We want to support political organizing, not stuff about drugs and the drop out rate. Decision: Postponed to next meeting. Try to get clarity on their answers to some of our questions. How do they see this project linking up with their political goals? Any plans on working with kids on other projects? Do you have plans to include youth in decision-making? Do you plan to have political education for these kids? How? (see bottom of page 2 of their proposal.)

27) Chelsea’s Commission on Hispanic Affairs (MA) - $600 requested for bi-lingual brochure. We didn’t get text brochure. Reference: commission more electoral than other group. Active in voter registration. Commission could be more up front on their own politics. Important for Chelsea to have this/positive work. Hans by proxy: No. Discussion: Good work, not a Resist priority. Challenge for Hispanic community is huge. This is important, but it is primarily an electoral campaign. We should fund a more activist group. Good answers to questions, clear and straightforward. Liked demands for BU. Are they really just an electoral organization? This is an arm of city government. Do they get any money from city government? Probably not. Decision: No grant, but send supportive letter. We were not able to fund you without a copy of the brochure. We also had concerns about how much your focus is on electoral organizing versus other organizing strategies.

28) Free My People/Youth Leadership Movement (Roxbury, MA) - $600 requested for general operating expenses. Reference: Jacqui Alexander- is working with them on Zami Project and had worked with them on Simon Nkoli event. Good work on race/sex issues. Excellent group/important work. Rachel Martin- most visible and militant, there are others as well.
Working class representation, rooted in community. Hans by proxy: maybe, depending on reference. Decision: Yes to grant of $600. We'd love a copy of the rap tape.

Pacific and Asia

29) Philippine Workers' Support Committee/Boston (MA) - $400 requested for a tour of Philippine labor leader. Reference: Haymarket- Politics and work good. They haven't made a decision about funding yet. Hans by proxy: No. Discussion: Louis: problems politically. They are not saying what political formation this guy is with. What about their apology for this guys groups initial support of Chinese government? Don't want to support tour of guy whose politics we don't know much about. Other comments: Error about China very revealing. What are they really doing? Decision: Token grant $100. We feel uncertain about the guys politics, and are concerned about Tianaman Square statement, but want to support the work of the committee in bringing issues about the Philippines to this country.

30) International Committee for Peace & Reunification of Korea (Washington, DC) - $600 requested for March 30- April 1 National Founding Conference for the U.S. Region. Reference: Frank Brodhead- Missionary people. David Easter-Committee for a New Korea Policy, Good turnout at conference. Some good work. Committed to working internationally. Not duplication of previous work. Recommends funding it. Hans by proxy: No. Discussion: They still need the money. Questions raised about statement that came out of conference. Statement doesn't say a word about N. Korean government, which is also murderous and problematic. Re-unification is not just an issue of S. Korean government coming around. There need to be changes in the North, too. Decision: $200 (Some). Letter should say we think they should have said something about the nature of the N. Korean government in their statement.

Miscellaneous

31) Najda: Women Concerned about the Middle East (Berkeley, CA) - $600 requested for printing costs of their "Arab World Notebook for the Secondary School Level." Reference: Bill Hoffman- Educational work/ support work for Palestinian women political prisoners. Positive reference. Support work and political education--not political organizing. Discussion: We funded them in 7/89. Can we fund them again before the year is up? Yes, because they are a Middle East project. Louis read publication. He found it very useful. Traditional, not imaginative, politically very good, soft on PLO. Raised question of whether or not any school system would adopt it? But it would be useful for individual teachers to use in study groups. Good form, loose leaf, can be updated. Hans by proxy: maybe. This is a large budget project. Decision: Yes to grant of $600.

32) DC Student Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism (Washington, DC) - $600 requested for salary of part-time intern. Reference: John Willoughby- impressed by coverage of demonstrations. Black led, but integrated group. Led protest to include students of color into planning process for national network of students. Hans by proxy: maybe. Decision: Yes to grant of $600.

33) Clergy & Laity Concerned (New York, NY) - $600 requested for packet on "Rediscovering the History of the Americas - 1492 to 1992." This is a large budget organization. Nancy Moniz sent them letter re: their budget and answers to question 10, and we didn't get additional information and brief outline of the educational packet. Hans by proxy: they need cash now. Grant now would greatly help them. Very strongly recommends we fund them. Discussion: Questions about what groups they have contacted about this project. Decision: Postpone to get the answers to our questions.
34) Virginia Association Against the Death Penalty (Richmond) - $600 requested toward the purchase of a printer. Reference: Good organization, fairly new. Hans by proxy: No. Discussion: They say they work on prisoners' rights issues in general, but they do not work on lesbian/gay prison issues. They advocate for better treatment of elderly in prison, but not lesbians/gays. Decision: $200 (Some) with letter re: gay/lesbian stuff.

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Allan Hunter's suggestion that we have state-of-the movement articles in the NL: How do we have more state of the movements articles? Can board generate more articles? Interview with board members on projects. Pam and Tatiana on youth organizing. How about an extra meeting of the board, which we would tape, to discuss movement trends we have noticed? Article should be catalyst for community response. Ask readers to respond. Suggestion made to call up certain people and ask for their comments and include them. That might be too much work. For extra board meeting, choose 3-6 topics to focus on, such as: Diversifying the movement, youth/college organizing, how groups incorporate gay/lesbian issues and AIDS issues, Religious Peace and Justice Movement, Service/Funding trends....

***** We agreed to go ahead and have this trends discussion. Date: Monday, June 11th, 6:30PM for Dinner at Wechsler's house. Check with Renae and others about whether they can be in a house that has a non-shedding dog there part-time.

* Fundraising: Wechsler and Fran are planning May 21st (Monday evening) event in Western Mass with Grace Paley, at the home of Hampshire College president. Wish us luck. Pam Chamberlain is coming to help out. Yeah, Pam. Other news: Pam met with "Elders for Survival" out in California. They are interested in leaving us property in their Wills. They are leaning toward wanting to leave it to an endowment. Pam asked them to put a proposal in writing to us and we would discuss it. We still haven't heard back from them. Wechsler just sent them off another letter. And on a sad note: One of our regular pledges recently died of AIDS and left us his condo in his Will. His lawyer expects it to take about a year to settle the estate and expects we will end up with about $65,000- $70,000. Wechsler wrote the lawyer and the executor and friend mentioned in the Will. It's time to start getting a new brochure designed. Wechsler will look into it.

* Finances: Wechsler will try to bring proposal to June board meeting for investing next $50,000.

* Salaries: Board agreed to give each staffperson a 75 cent an hour anniversary raise.

* Newsletter editor hours: Board/staff lunch proposed that newsletter editor position be raised to 14 hours/week so that editor can have time to do other Resist work such as attend staff meetings and consult with other staff. Board agreed to this change.

* Finding Funding booklet sent out to all libraries, foundations and grantees on our list. Nancy Moniz is updating it for future re-printing.

* Boston Women's Committee for International Women's Day: They sent us a letter replying to Nancy Moniz' letter. Discussion: People were not pleased with their letter. They simply state that National liberation struggles are related to women's liberation. They say that the issues of concern to us were covered in their proposal and at their event. We still didn't see the evidence of it. We still need to tell them that next year in their grant application they need to include how they are planning to incorporate these feminist issues, and how they are related to national liberation struggles. The connections have
to be articulated. Not all national liberation struggles are struggles for women's liberation. They say something like "The struggle for racism cannot be separated from the struggle against sexism." But those connections aren't always made clear. They have to do more than just say it.

* Archives: We are running out of space at the office to hold some of our boxes of old proposals. Does anyone have room in an attic for 2-3 boxes? People suggested we ask Ken Hale.

* Next board meeting - Sunday, June 17th, New York City. We need to find a place.

That's it.