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Board Meeting - Sept. 23, 1990 - 11am
Rena Scott's apartment
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Dear board member,

Please note that there has been a change in the date of this board meeting. More members could come to a September 23rd meeting than one set at the previous date. After polling the board, it was decided on this change at a board/staff lunch.

As usual you'll find the business items of the meeting at the end of the grants agenda portion of this letter. Please send in the meeting dates options sheet at the end of this letter.

If you have any comments and can't come to the meeting, please send in your feedback as well as your proxy.

AGENDA

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

GRANT REQUESTS

Central & Latin America

- 1) Portland Central America Solidarity Committee (OR) -\$500 requested for printing of 2 brochures, one for the organization and one for the speakers' bureau.
- 2) Brian Willson Trial Support Project (San Francisco, CA) - Requesting \$500 for printing & mailing of pledge cards for attendance at the trial.
- 3) The Border Fund (Ithaca, NY) - They're asking for \$500 for costs of a mailing to solicit donations for a project of foster care for unaccompanied Central American minors.
- 4) Michigan Interfaith Committee on Central American Human Rights (Detroit) - \$200 request for purchase of a modem for their computer to use for Peacenet; and toward a subscription to Peacenet.
- 5) Chicago Religious Task Force on Central America (IL) - \$600

requested toward expenses of production of "Basta", their national journal on Central America.

- 6) Inter-hemispheric Education Resource Center (Albuquerque, NM) - \$600 request for a short-term salary increase for a staff person.
- 7) Indiana Pledge of Resistance (Richmond, IN) - \$555 toward the purchase of a computer and a modem.
- 8) Cleveland Interreligious Task Force on Central America (OH) - They're asking for \$600 for an advertising campaign for public education about El Salvador & the military aid vote in Congress.
- 9) North Pacific Witness for Peace (Eugene, OR) - \$600 requested to purchase 30 copies (to be distributed to high schools) of the new WfP video on elections in Nica., Guate., & El Salvador, and on US intervention in the region.
- 10) San Francisco CISPES (CA) - Requesting \$600 for printing and postage costs for their quarterly newsletter.
- 11) Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador (Washington, DC) - \$600 asked to produce & promote a slide show about the repopulated communities in El Salvador.
- 12) Nicaragua Center for Community Action (San Francisco, CA) - \$600 asked for printing costs for leaflets for their BART Action Leafletting project.

Community Organizing

- 13) Instituto Cultural Latinoamericano (Chelsea, MA) - Request of \$600 to purchase a word processor.
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- 16) Champaign-Urbana Coalition of the Homeless (Champaign, IL) - Asking for \$600 for purchase of a modem and software, and to subscribe to Hands-Net.

Gay and Lesbian

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- 18) Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) - \$600 asked toward expenses of a visual arts exhibit,

"Against the Tide: the Homo-Erotic Image in the Era of Censorship & AIDS."

19) Boston Lesbian & Gay Men's Center (MA) - Request of \$440 to pay for tuition costs for 2 persons to attend the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Conference and the Fund Raising Institute.

Middle East

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21) Palestine Solidarity Committee (New York, NY) - \$600 asked toward the cost of re-printing brochures for the PSC National Conference on Sept. 14-16.

Peace

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23) Sacramento Religious Community for Peace (CA) - \$600 requested toward the purchase of a computer & printer.

24) Physicians for Social Change/Philadelphia Chapter (PA) - \$250 asked to obtain a computer data base with information about military contracts in the Philadelphia area.

AIDS Activist

25) Act UP/Shreveport (LA) - Asking for \$600 toward membership fees (which would cover all ACT UP Chapters) in 2 associations.

26) Women's Caucus of ACT UP/Chicago (IL) - \$600 request for printing of posters designed for young people: "AIDS Doesn't Discriminate" and "Come Out, Come Out..."

Miscellaneous

27) Odyssey (Norfolk, MA) - \$600 asked for production of this prisoner edited news magazine.

28) Sandy Beach Initiative Coalition (Honolulu, HI) - Request of \$1500 (?) for a newspaper ad with the results of a poll about the land use initiative on the ballot for the primary elections.

29) Committee for a New Korea Policy (Albany, NY) - \$453.60 asked for printing & distribution of their pamphlet, "A Korean Peace Settlement is Possible."

30) Refuse & Resist! (NY, NY) - Requesting \$200 for organizing expenses of a joint program with other groups to produce a

national brochure on the "war on drugs."

31) University of Colorado Student Union Conference (Boulder, CO) - \$600 asked towards expenses of a conference, "The Drug War: new strategies of racism & imperialism" on Oct. 29 - Nov. 5.

32) National Coalition Against Sexual Assault (Washington, DC) - Asking for \$600 for printing their education/outreach flyer.

LOAN REQUEST

33) New Concept Theatre (Chicago, IL) - Requesting \$976.80 for four months in order to pay a stipend to the director of their play, "Beyond Tomorrow," and for office expenses.

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Board Search Committee - We said at a previous meeting that we would start another search for new board members in the Fall. We might need new members for this sub-committee, which is now composed of Louis K., Pam C., Oscar H. and Nancy M. These subs will have to set a date to meet to plot strategy.

* Brochure - All board members received material on a new Resist brochure from Nancy W. This will be a discussion of the draft of a new Resist brochure.

* Resist Guidelines for 1991 - There was a suggestion that after many years it might be time to critique and possibly change our guidelines (copy enclosed).

* Office - Finances and other miscellaneous items.

* Next board meeting - We need a date and host house. We should also decide if this next meeting should be in New York City. Please note - non-Boston board members. We need your feedback on this as soon as possible. Send in form below or call the office.

When I receive any additional info before the meeting on any of the above, I'll send you copies.

For peace and justice,

Nancy
Nancy Moniz, Resist staff

CLIP AND SEND TO RESIST OFFICE

I won't be able to attend the Sept. 23rd meeting in Boston. My preference for a date for a November meeting is:

____ Nov. 4

____ Nov. 11

____ Nov. 18

Signature

ORGANIZATION	(REQUEST OF..)	OPINIION
1) Portland C.A. Solid. Cmtee. (\$500)	____Y ____N ____	Maybe
2) Brian Willson Trial Sup. Cmte. (\$500)	____Y ____N ____	Maybe
3) Border Fund (\$500)	____Y ____N ____	Maybe
4) MICAH (\$200)	____Y ____N ____	Maybe
5) Chi.Rel T.F on C.A. (\$600)	____Y ____N ____	Maybe
6) Interhem. Resource Center (\$600)	____Y ____N ____	Maybe
7) IN. Pledge (\$555)	____Y ____N ____	Maybe
8) Cleve. Inter. TF on C.A. (\$600)	____Y ____N ____	Maybe
9) No. Pacif.Witness for Peace (\$600)	____Y ____N ____	Maybe

10) S.F. CISPES (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

11) Building w Voiceless/E.S. (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

12) NICCA (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

13) Instituto Cultural L.A. (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

14) Coal.for Homel./Westchester (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

15) Centro J.A. Corretjer (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

16) Coal.for Homel./Champaign (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

17) Kinheart (\$500) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

18) S.A.M.E. (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

- 19) Boston L & G Men's Center (\$440) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 20) AFSC/M.E. TaskForce(Pasadena) (\$600) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 21) Palestine Solid. Cmtee/NY (\$600) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 22) Synapses (\$600) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 23) Sacr.Rel. Cmty. for Peace (\$600) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 24) Phys.for Soc.Change/Phila. (\$250) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 25) ACT UP/Shreveport (\$600) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 26) Women's Causus/ACT UP/Chicago (\$600) ____Y ____N ____Maybe
- 27) Odyssey (\$600) ____Y ____N ____Maybe

- 28) Sandy Beach Init. Coal. (\$1500) _____Y _____N _____Maybe
- 29) Cmtee.for New Korea Policy(\$463.60)_____Y _____N _____Maybe
- 30) Refuse & Resist! (\$200) _____Y _____N _____Maybe
- 31) U. of CO Stud. Conf. (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe
- 32) NCASA (\$600) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

Loan Request

- 33) New Concept Theatre (\$976.80) _____Y _____N _____Maybe

Board Meeting - Sept. 23, 1990
 Renae Scott's apartment
 116 Chestnut St.
 Cambridge, MA

Present: Renae Scott, Nancy Moniz, Nancy Wechsler, Oscar Hernandez, Tess Ewing, Tatiana Schreiber (minutes), Wayne O'Neil. (By Proxy: Louis, Hans)

AGENDA

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

* Connie Chan on sabbatical in Hawaii for a year. Will be active again on return.

* George Vickers reports that there will be two different coalitions working against war in Persian Gulf. One is controlled by Worker's World (Coalition to stop US intervention in the Middle East?) and can be identified by Ramsey Clark's name. They have used George's name without his permission. The second coalition is made up of CCR, AFSC, WRL, FOR and (we think) Mobe.

* Board Search Committee - Tatiana Schreiber will join Louis K., Pam C., Oscar H. and Nancy M. Nancy Moniz will set up a sub-committee meeting.

* Brochure - Nancy Wechsler sent everyone 2nd draft and would like feedback on it ASAP. Discussion on slogan related to Middle East-- should it be "End the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza strip", or something like "Peace and Justice in the Middle East?" Think about this and get back to Nancy.

* Resist Guidelines for 1991 - Do they need revision? Are they working, are the correct things highlighted? Are priorities listed in proper order? Do we still feel the same about which things to fund? Do we still agree that we shouldn't fund travel, students, service, etc? NM suggests need for a priorities/policy meeting. Renae thinks we need to clarify which questions need to be addressed at such a meeting. She suggested the guidelines be shortened. Staff will try to clarify some of this. Date for policy meeting: Tuesday, October 16th, 7PM at Tess's (after dinner).

* Wayne's daughter (in NYC) had a kid!

* Office - Total restricted and unrestricted funds: \$270,216.79

Cambridge Trust Company	\$ 15,290.22
Working Assets MM	184,599.71
Loan Fund	4,627.82
Calvert Bond Fund	49,629.98
Cohen Endowment	10,637.16
Resist Endowment	5,431.90

We have received 2nd of 3 payments of \$75,000 from our "anonymous" donor. \$50,000 was invested from first payment in the bond fund. We haven't made any money on this as yet. While we now own more shares in the bond fund, the price per share is down. Bob Zevin still believes we will be glad we put it in the bond fund, and that over the next few years it will do well. His advice is to put the 2nd \$50,000 into the bond fund as well. We discussed this at our last board/staff lunch meeting. At that meeting we discussed what to do with the money and whether or not we should have someone else manage our money. Suggestion of board/staff meeting was to have Wechsler check with Haymarket and see who managed their money, as well as other money managers. For the time being we thought the \$50,000 should be put in a 1 year socially responsible CD, and we could re-evaluate in one year how we want to go about making these decisions. ←

Wechsler talked to Haymarket and found out that US Trust (Linda Berkel) manages their money. This is where Bob Zevin works. US Trust has a very large minimum (1 million, sometimes 500,000). She also called Ami Domini, who does socially responsible investing. Both are sending us information. Ami suggested that if we weren't interested in buying stocks, we could do as well making the decisions ourselves. For now she suggested putting money in CD's with different due dates. She suggested several socially responsible CD's. Decision: Put \$50,000 in First Trade Union 1 year housing CD. By the end of the year decide whether we want to pay someone to manage our money, or help manage it. ←

GRANT REQUESTS We gave out a total of \$11,196.60 to 22 groups.

Central & Latin America

1) Portland Central America Solidarity Committee (OR) -\$500 for printing brochures for the organization and speakers' bureau. Reference: Dan P. supportive. NM likes abortion rights work/clinic support. YES to a grant.

2) Brian Willson Trial Support Project (San Francisco, CA) - NO GRANT. They had requested \$500 for printing & mailing pledge cards for trial. Case was settled out of court. They didn't get back to us as to whether or not they still needed money, and for what. If they do still need money, they should re-submit a grant proposal.

3) The Border Fund (Ithaca, NY) - NO GRANT. CUSLAR reference: positive/includes political perspective. Ken Halé: very positive, likes educational work and direct contact with local children. Questions raised about legality of "foster care." Application does not make it appear to be a political organizing project. Perhaps they misunderstood Resist priorities, or else they are not political. NO grant for this project, but maybe we would support another proposal.

4) Michigan Interfaith Committee on Central American Human Rights (Detroit) - \$200 (as requested) for purchase of a modem for their computer to use for Peacenet; and toward a subscription to Peacenet. Reference: positive. Questions raised about whether or not they could get money from religious organizations. Support for grant was not enthusiastic. Questions raised about need for modem and value of Peacenet. Since they only asked for \$200, people

felt they could go with a YES.

- 5) Chicago Religious Task Force on Central America (IL) - \$600 toward expenses of production of "Basta", their national journal on Central America. Reference: very positive, good outreach to "not usual folks." Questions raised about whether they could get money elsewhere. Liked anti-racism work and support for abortion rights.
- 6) Inter-hemispheric Education Resource Center (Albuquerque, NM) - \$600 for a short-term salary increase for a staff person. Reference: positive. Oscar knows of them. He says their publications are powerful, well researched, and widely used. Discussion around whether they do organizing, and the fact that their publications are well used.
- 7) Indiana Pledge of Resistance (Richmond, IN) - NO GRANT. Reference: thought coordination of work was essential for state. Discussion: not sure what they do. Most of board unsupportive, didn't like answers to question 10, not clear how the computer would be used, whom it would benefit, what organizing work it would support.
- 8) Cleveland Interreligious Task Force on Central America (OH) -\$600 for an ad campaign about El Salvador & the military aid vote in Congress. Discussion: not happy they don't have pro-choice position. Some people liked t-ad project, others felt it wasn't tied to organizing effort. Speakers bureau seemed positive. Can they get church funding?
- 9) North Pacific Witness for Peace (Eugene, OR) - \$600 to purchase 30 copies (to be distributed to high schools) of the new WfP video on elections in Nica., Guate., & El Salvador, and on US intervention in the region. Reference: very positive.
- 10) San Francisco CISPES (CA) - \$600 for printing and postage costs for their quarterly newsletter. Reference: positive re: anti-racism work; don't get into turf battles.
- 11) Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador (Washington, DC) -POSTPONED. They had asked for \$600 to produce & promote a slide show about the repopulated communities in El Salvador. Reference: Nancy Moniz had concerns re duplication of efforts, but Mike P. says this is due to working with different factions/areas in El Salvador. Discussion: Big budget organization, slide show seems boring. They don't focus enough on US foreign policy. How will they use slide show? We need to see a plan for use. We postponed to ask them these questions.
- 12) Nicaragua Center for Community Action (San Francisco, CA) - \$600 for printing leaflets for their BART Action Leafletting project. Reference: Rebecca Gordon: very positive.

Community Organizing

- 13) Instituto Cultural Latinoamericano (Chelsea, MA) - \$600 to purchase a word processor. Reference: positive. Some questions re: service/political work

but feeling was that group is young, will develop politically. Oscar knows organizers and they are definitely political. Suggestion we refer people to Boston Computer Society for help choosing appropriate equipment.

14) Coalition for the Homeless of Westchester (Yonkers, NY) - \$600 to purchase a copying machine. Reference: positive, group encourages homeless speaking for themselves. Renae: very supportive, impressive list of activities in less than a year. Discussion about whether the group could or could not get money elsewhere. We weren't sure, but they are not a big budget organization. Much of money has to go to food/services which you really have to do. But group is nevertheless doing hard core political work. People liked that they involved homeless people.

15) Centro Juan Antonio Corretjer (NY, NY) - \$600 for a bilingual brochure about this Puerto Rican cultural center. Reference: positive. Discussion: mixed feelings. Some felt they weren't political enough, others that they were too allied with certain political tendencies (as evidenced by terminology, capitalizations, etc). We ended up with YES on basis of reference.

16) Champaign-Urbana Coalition of the Homeless (Champaign, IL) - NO GRANT. Reference: somewhat positive. Board in general was unenthusiastic about the project. Doesn't seem like a high priority and we are unsure of their track record. Questions raised about usefulness of high tech materials. When is it essential? Suggestions: only give money for modems, laser jet printers, certain software, if it is an umbrella group or national, or statewide and will benefit a lot of people; that will facilitate organizing (that's the bottom line); that we know the equipment will be useful, or the group is very isolated and the equipment will help them make useful connections.

Gay and Lesbian

17) Kinheart (Evanston, IL) - NO GRANT. Reference (Cathy Christeller): mixed; they don't do political/coalition work but play important role as women-only group. Questions raised about value of homophobia workshops. We funded them before when Cathy was more enthusiastic as a reference.

18) Southeastern Arts, Media & Education Project, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) - \$200 (SOME) for visual arts exhibit, "Against the Tide: the Homo-Erotic Image in the Era of Censorship & AIDS." Reference: great. Discussion: Tess thinks the work is important because of moral fervor. NM would rather see more direct organizing against censorship. RS not sure what level of consciousness is being raised by the exhibit.

19) Boston Lesbian & Gay Men's Center (MA) - \$440 for tuition costs for 2 persons to attend the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Conference and the Fund Raising Institute. Reference: mixed. Didn't come out of community organizing, but staff person very good. Discussion: Staff person is good bridge. Good project. This came from two different groups, one of which had been organizing for quite a while--they just aren't the usual radical suspects.

Middle East

20) AFSC/Middle East Task Force (Pasadena, CA) - \$600 for speakers' program on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. Reference: very positive. Hard to raise money from Jews in area.

21) Palestine Solidarity Committee (New York, NY) - \$600 toward the cost of re-printing brochures for the PSC National Conference on Sept. 14-16. Reference: Peter Drucker. Very supportive. Doesn't put forth line of People's (Popular?) Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which they are allied with. Nor are they unduly influenced by Line of March.

Peace

22) Synapses (Chicago, IL) - NO GRANT. Reference: very positive. Discussion: problems with narrow religious focus. Problems with language of workshops. Good that they are working with HS students. Decision: NO grant. Reasons: Curriculum too narrow, too specific to faith based community, pushing a specific religiously based ideological agenda; implication is that there is only one way to peace.

23) Sacramento Religious Community for Peace (CA) - \$200 (SOME) toward the purchase of a computer & printer. Reference: They have ties beyond religious community. Questions as to whether or not they are too religious, and whether or not they can find money elsewhere. We weren't sure.

24) Physicians for Social Change/Philadelphia Chapter (PA) - NO GRANT. Reference: Frank Brodhead- mixed, work is useful. Good local reputation; trying to move beyond nuclear issue to military spending. NO: can get money elsewhere, should be able to get money from membership. They should do coalition work.

AIDS Activist

25) ACT UP/Shreveport (LA) - \$200 (SOME) toward membership fees (which would cover all ACT UP Chapters) in 2 associations. Reference (Sue Hyde): had some questions about why join these two associations. Other references: positive. We had questions about usefulness of joining these associations.

26) Women's Caucus of ACT UP/Chicago (IL) - \$600 for printing posters designed for young people: "AIDS Doesn't Discriminate" and "Come Out, Come Out..." Reference: very positive.

Miscellaneous

27) Odyssey (Norfolk, MA) - \$600 for production of prisoner edited news magazine. Reference: Fran R. very positive. Good cross section of issues and articles. Has legal section/spanish-language section/ many people contribute/ many people doing it. Tatiana thinks it's great; good coalition between inside and outside project.

28) Sandy Beach Initiative Coalition (Honolulu, HI) - NO GRANT. Confusion re: budget, where is rest of money? Hank called friend out there--not working hard enough for/with native Hawaiians. Discussion: some people didn't like funding ad, would rather fund newsletter. Other people felt they needed all the help they could get to protect land. Some thought it was too single issue, too focussed on legislature. Political perspective was confusing.

29) Committee for a New Korea Policy (Albany, NY) - \$453.60 for printing & distribution of their pamphlet, "A Korean Peace Settlement is Possible." Reference: positive. Focus on US policy/pro-unification.

30) Refuse & Resist! (NY, NY) - NO GRANT. Reference: Peter Drucker- doesn't see any activity of group. John Trinkl- they are subsidiary of RCP. Paul L.- knows Clark Kissinger- sectarianism, negative on brochure. George- this is a two person thing. NO: They didn't send the info we asked for. References were not positive, need evidence if they are working in coalition with other national groups.

31) University of Colorado Student Union Conference (Boulder, CO) - \$600 towards expenses of a conference, "The Drug War: new strategies of racism & imperialism" (Oct. 29 - Nov. 5). Reference: Chinook Fund: groups involved are very diverse politically. Surprised they can work together/ predicts they will have some problems. Speakers for conference are good, some bad. Thinks it will not go beyond student community. Discussion: important to support this effort, agenda looks good. Important issues, broad perspective. We should give at least SOME, maybe a YES. We decided on a YES for \$600.

32) National Coalition Against Sexual Assault (Washington, DC) -\$600 for printing their education/outreach flyer. Reference: Sue Hyde- very positive, contributes to keeping alive grassroots women's movement. They really need the money.

LOAN REQUEST

33) New Concept Theatre (Chicago, IL) - NO LOAN. They had requested \$976.80 for four months in order to pay a stipend to the director of their play, "Beyond Tomorrow," and for office expenses. Most references had not heard of this group. Our questions were not answered. Not a good loan risk.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS:

POLICY MEETING: Tuesday, October 16th, 7PM, Tess Ewing's

Regular Board Meeting: Sunday, November 4 in New York City.