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1/20/98**

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Present: Robin Carton, June Lee, Penn Loh, Kay Mathew, and Marc Miller

**1. Grants Removed From Consideration for February 1, 1998 Board Meeting**

**Reconsideration Request**

**1. Victory Gardens**

**\$1000**

RFD 1, Box 6025, Athens, ME 04979 Carol Dove

Funding for general support for group that seeks to educate and promote radical social change through food production.

Reason: Turned down at last Board meeting. Requested reconsideration. Run a farm and ship food to different political causes/movements. They have difficulty articulating their political perspectives. They are not fighting to redefine food production- no real connection to social change organizing. Believe they are doing self-empowerment, but this is not clear. May be trying to serve as a model, but not realistic at this point in time (no electricity, no telephone, etc.). No reasons given in request sufficient to change original vote.

**Grants**

**2. East Bay Food Not Bombs**

**\$920**

353 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610 Charles Gary 510/444-7854

Funding to replace cooking equipment used at base camps established for direct action in defense of Ward Valley, Big Mountain and the Nevada Test site.

Reason: Turned down just a few meetings ago as direct service without organizing. Don't make a case for not being a direct service group. Perfunctory answers to questions. Some chapters of Food Not Bombs see themselves as integral to the process of social change. No long term vision of social change articulated here. Suggest could come back if broaden their vision with a specific project.

**3. The Filled Cup**

**\$2000**

629 W. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140 David McVeigh-Schultz 215/228-9014

Funding to support an organizing project that seeks to hold banks accountable for their local lending practices.

Reason: Doesn't fit Resist priorities. Mostly working with credit unions. No real community involvement. Ask them why they shifted from community organizing to an alliance among banks. Unclear where their organizing is within local communities. Suggest they can come back if they can make an argument that organizing outside of the banking world is going on.



#### **4. Four Corners Productions**

**\$2,000**

580 Broadway, #906, New York, NY 10012 Herman Engel 212-941-6311

Funding for independent film producer to purchase a high quality digital film camera to continue making documentary films.

Reason: Turned down recently. Not a group. Is an independent filmmaker.

#### **5. Sisters Offering Support**

**\$1000**

P.O. Box 75642, Honolulu, HI 96836 Kelly Hill 808/521-3453

Funding to set up a web site aimed at preventing youth from being recruited into prostitution and to organize against the sexual exploitation of children.

Reason: Don't talk about reasons people end up involved in prostitution. Not a new concept. Fundable as a mainstream direct service project.

### **2. Proposed New Grant Discussion**

Marc suggested that Committee remind the Board that there is no way to truly predict the affect on the bottom line if Resist were to institute the proposed grant for groups between \$100,000 - 200,000 budgets with discrete projects under \$50,000. As a result, as with all grants, the Board has to look to the merit of the proposal. This new proposal is still within the spirit of the current Resist grants- it just defines those grants in another way.

Penn seconded the idea of opening Resist grants up to larger organizations.

June thought that the kind of work these groups were doing (start up of new projects, sponsorship of on-going work) was the kind of organizing Resist wants to see. Small groups don't always have the time or the resources to start up new ideas. This often keeps them single focused.

Kay offered to take a first crack at drafting guidelines for this proposal. She will try to have something in writing for the next meeting. Marc offered to edit the draft.

### **3. Topics for Future Discussion**

- Analysis of the grant process and look at changes
- Organizer fellowships
- Give larger grants (\$5,000?) one time per year
- Re-examine Resist grant priorities
- Look at start up funding for groups

### **4. Next Meeting**

Monday, **February 23**, 1998, at **12:15** in the Parent's United Conference Room, **30 Winter Street, 7th Floor**

#### **Agenda**

- Review Draft Guidelines
- Continue discussion of long term vision
- Weed out grants for March meeting



Staff Mtg 1/13/97

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~~Audit~~

~~Board Meeting~~

~~Advertising~~

~~Newsletter~~

~~Camp Time~~

~~3<sup>rd</sup> Staff Person~~

~~Bd / Staff Lunch~~

P/T Help → Cathy Keegan

Audit

Need to finish inventory/costs

CS BEE breakdown → Call Ellie

CS NL Breakdown → FR vs. programming

RC Tables, Accts Receivables, T-Shirt inventory

RC Time Sheets

Ellie 1/19, 1/22 and 1/29

Bd Mtg

Paris cake of coming

Mitch Goodman's Book → add to agenda

Nathan Article

Unaudited 1997 figures / Charts

Take sample T-Shirt

NL

Go through photos / captions

Call Marc for brief intro article

April → Lael for Bosnia issue

Ad for T-Shirt



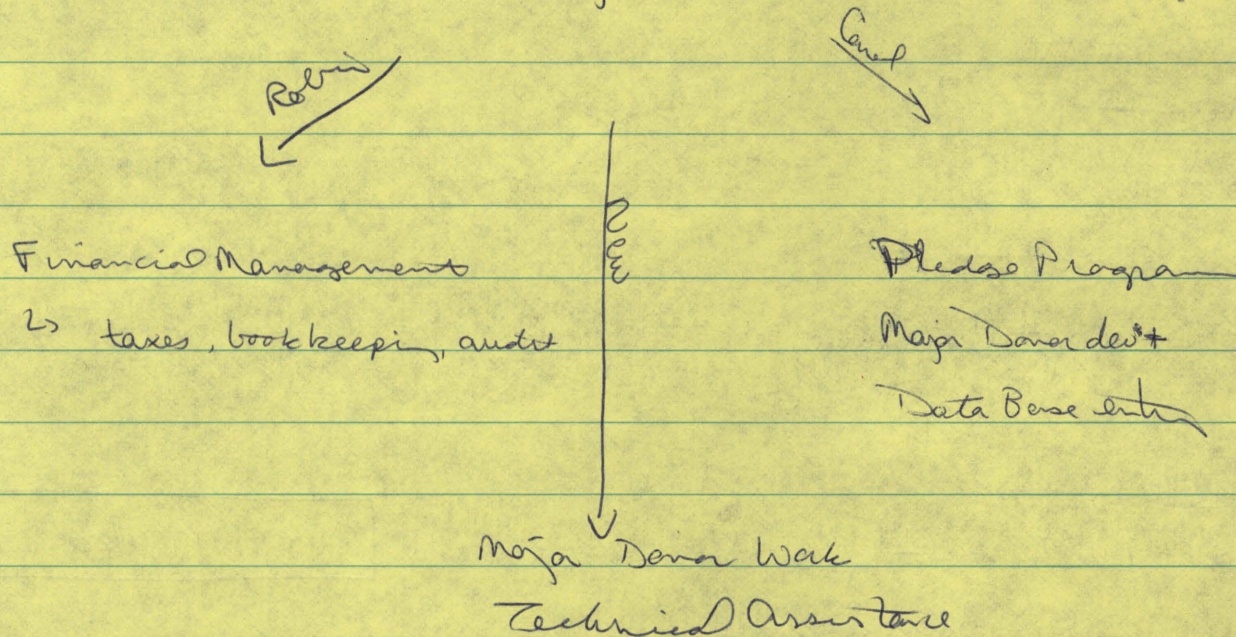
Camp Time Robin needs to do time sheets

Call Lynn Wiles to see if available.

3rd Staff Person Retreat minutes sent to Personnel Cnt

Part of discussion of where Retreat wants to be

in 5-10 years. Needs to be in that context.



Bd Staff Lunch Who wants to lunch?

Ask at Board meeting → volunteers.

Is it something that needs to happen?

P/T Help

Robin will call Cathy Keegan + Lynn Wiles