

General meeting of yesterday, April 28

present: Mike R., Jane, Bob, Carol, Doug E., Gary, Brenda, Sue, Rosco, Murray, Ken, Mike C.

1. Woman's place--Liz Willick came to talk about the regional research project she has been working on for the last while. She has written several papers on women's centres, in terms of problems concerning structures, goals, principles, leadership, etc., which will be incorporated into a booklet probably 36 to 48 page demi. They won't be able to pay the rates which they were quoted (from Gary) since they probably only have around \$750 from the secretary of state grant. Nobody thought it would be a problem for us to do it for this much, and we decided to set a figure of \$10/page, maximizing our return and minimizing everyone else's, whatever that means.

2. White truck--should we fix (or try) it or let it die?? People decided it was worth fixing, up to a maximum level, which level was never decided upon. Nevertheless, people should be scheduled to work on it in the next couple weeks, meanwhile not letting people use it. There was discussion on whether shop people could use the red truck in the meantime for emergencies but this argument was never resolved, as well emergencies were never defined.

3. Union of Injured Workers--look in the agenda log book for details.
Everyone agreed that they should be allowed to come in this coming weekend, and Mike R. generously volunteered to work both days. Gary will also work on Saturday, only.

4. the 3-day work week--this was a long discussion which included discussion on the OFY projects, raises for ourselves, and probably a few other points on the agenda. Both projects are accepted, one for five people, and the other for Ken and Gary. Brenda figured three people could handle the civil awareness project, but we'd still accept salaries for five people. So this means that: 1) five people won't be here for the summer (Steve, Ken, Gary, Mary, Carol); 2) of the ten people left, three would be working on the project, which means that 3) seven people have to handle the work in the shop. Ken asked if anyone was really KEEN on working on the project??

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Everyone volunteered Doug R. to be keen since he wasn't there to defend himself, Brenda said she was, Jane said she was 1/8th interested and Mike C. said he could force himself to be. After that round of enthusiasm subsided Brenda explained all the things she had figured out that morning, some of which were: we will be getting \$6600 from OFY for 3 months; if we have 4 people on the shop books, 5 people on OFY and 1 (lonely) person on UIC, we will pay out monthly from the real books \$1700, we will take in (ie. for salaries \$2200) which means that we will still have money going into the extra account each month to cover the UIC person etc. These figures are rough since circumstances have changed since then, but are still roughly true.

Taking all the foregoing into consideration, we decided to give ourselves raises beginning in May of \$350 and \$400 for Bob and Murray; the money may not be able to be paid but will be owed. We also decided to schedule for three-day weeks for the next few weeks and see if we could get the work done including non-production work. This will be evaluated at the next general meeting.

We also decided to wait for a while to decide who'll do what, since the project doesn't start till June and by then we'll have an idea whose going to get hassled by UIC.

4. Garden--Sue didn't understand the concept of the garden, who was doing the work, who the food was for etc. Jane explained that originally the idea was that everyone in the shop would be involved in it and food would be distributed equitably amongst all the various houses. But since that time, it has become obvious that some people won't be involved since they will be having their own gardens and also that people from outside the shop are interested, so gardening won't be done on shop time.

5. ~~ERRATA~~ cpcml Bob said that he had a few minor revisions that he wanted to make, and Brenda volunteered to retype the letter. Then Bob added that they were revisions that Sue had suggested so Sue will make the revisions if she can remember what they were and Brenda will retype the letter. We decided that it should go to people and groups who had used the shop non-commercially in the past, and decided these are (were): Unity, John Stafford, Bill Aird, WCCFS newsletter, On the Line.

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6. The enlarger that Mel wanted to buy he doesn't want now, and Heers has valued it at \$20 and now Bill Aird wants to buy it, and people think this is okay except who owns it in the first place? Sue will ask Steve next time he phones collect before we sell it to Bill.

7. Tim Grant--and his friends ~~xxxxx~~ are coming down tomorrow night (Tues.) to talk to people about doing a monthly newsletter about struggles in the Caribbean, maybe commercially, maybe n-c. Anyone is invited to hang around, drop in etc. that's interested. Ken and Gary promise to show ~~sp~~.

8. WLU rental--see agenda log book for details.

We decided to let them buy their own converter or whatever; we will teach people to ~~xxxxxx~~ perforate for \$12/hour, which includes teaching, letting her use the perforator and computer (minimally) and consultation at any time.

Also there was a big discussion on whether to charge \$24 or \$26, whether having to meet deadlines made any difference. The \$26 quote to Reeve Bean was for over night deadlines, and some people figured we should charge less if we could have a few days to work on the stuff. The outcome of the discussion was to charge \$24 for non-deadline jobs (ie. 3 or 4 days) and \$26 for overnight stuff.

i think that's it.....