

Ad Hoc Financial Planning Committee Draft Minutes

April 1, 1997

1. Carl provided the monthly cash flow report and a 1997 budget projection (assuming no health/safety funding). Budget can sustain a half-time coordinator without tapping into current surplus. Robin will be laid off, hopefully just on a temporary basis until OSHTEP or other funded projects become available.
2. Various ideas were advanced re the potential use of surplus funds currently available:
 - Maintain Workers' Rights Board in Cortland
 - Establish Workers' Rights Board in Ithaca
 - Develop a regional labor paper (Working Press expanded)
 - Fund a health and safety program
 - Fund continued publication of FYI newsletters
 - Fund short-term effort to establish the FYI newsletters as a commercial venture (sell subscriptions to cover costs)
 - Work toward greater coordination and activism among Southern Tier CLCs
 - Support solidarity-building actions: buses to events, rallies, etc.
3. Coert emphasized that any initiative should be directed towards the effort to build a larger consortium of activist CLCs and unions in the Southern Tier region.
4. It was agreed that the Cortland Workers Rights Board should be supported at the current level, if outside funding can not be secured.
5. It was further agreed to focus attention first on the idea of reinventing the Working Press as a regional labor publication. Carl and Coert will develop a draft proposal.
6. The Working Press proposal will be submitted to next Steering Committee meeting, April 23 (6:30, Labor Coalition office, Ithaca), for review.