

Switchboard And Other Gay Groups Receive Grants From QCQ Funds

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SPECIAL QCQ REPORT

In the last issue of *Q-Notes*, Queen City Quordinators reported profits from all but one 1983 event.

Add \$75 profit in the face of formidable expenses from November's Gold Cabaret, and the year's total was just over \$2,000, by far the highest since QCQ was formed three years ago.

In turn, much of this money was used to fund other projects and pay expenses:

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard \$210 This figure represents the switchboard's phone bill for the last six months of 1983.

Lambda Political Caucus \$160 The caucus used this money for a variety of projects including printing of election-related leaflets distributed in October and November. Part of the money will be used in 1984.

Observer AIDS Reprint \$50 Last summer, *The Charlotte Observer* published a five-part series on AIDS which was later made available as a single insert. *The Front Page* asked North Carolina gay/lesbian groups and businesses to help pay the cost of distributing this important publication throughout the state. QCQ responded with a \$50 donation.

NCHRF \$25 In January of 1983 when QCQ was under reorganization, a request was received from the N.C. Human Rights Fund headquartered in

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Raleigh to help fund its efforts. NCHRF is the state's only gay/lesbian lobbying organization.

Monthly mailing \$80 When QCQ was reorganized, a monthly newsletter was the only way to inform members of activities and needs. As the year progressed, more people took an interest and added their names to the list. When *Q-Notes* was started, it, too, was mailed to the people on the list. Now, however, the monthly mailing has been reduced to about 12 people since *Q-Notes* is so widely available and subscriptions are offered. This figure also includes some supplies, such as envelopes and stamps that will be used in 1984.

Post office box rental \$36 QCQ maintains a post office box which is also used by the switchboard and the caucus. This figure includes rent for the first half of 1984.

Rent \$35 Another of QCQ's major goals was reached in 1983 when a regular, accessible meeting place was found. Since October, the group has been meeting at the SANE Center in the Labor Building on Commonwealth Avenue. SANE (the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy) is a grassroots peace and disarmament organization which has worked for 25 years to end

the buildup of nuclear weapons. The Charlotte chapter is one of the country's most active. Some members of QCQ are also members of Charlotte SANE. The two movements have much in common since people who oppose gay/lesbian civil rights are often the same people who believe that a trillion-dollar defense budget is all that stands between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. QCQ pays \$10 monthly to use this facility.

In addition to these items, over \$200 has been spent preparing for the production of "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" (see story elsewhere). MCC/Charlotte, the caucus and the switchboard, member groups of QCQ, are expected to make budget requests in the first quarter of 1984 and allocations will be made from 1983 earnings. Another member group, Acceptance, is financially self-sufficient and does not receive funds.

QCQers are looking forward to 1984 and expect to set a new record for earnings and funding. This can only happen with the help of a majority of people in Charlotte's gay/lesbian community.

As an individual, you can help by noting QCQ events as they are announced and attending as many as possible. If you wish to contribute more time and brainpower, you are warmly invited to attend QCQ planning meetings and/or help with events.

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