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Peace Offerings Meeting
Jan 4th 1996

Attendance: Ruth, Kim, Pamela, Rezzin, Anne C.

Report: We had a tree at the Institute of History and Art, Stu did ads for Metroland, the Coopscoop, Community, the Womens Building and a few others. We had ads on WAMC and at the Spectrum. We tabled at the Empire State Plaza, at the Albany Country Club, at Guilderland school, We had parties at Anne C's house and Maryanne Ronconi's office. With Sara's help we updated our display and got a new sign. We sent out mailings to the entire SJC list.

January Sale to start tomorrow: Will need help finding stuff for sale and putting up signs and setting up.

Review: Display nice. Lots of merchandise. Needed more meetings and volunteer parties. Old time supporters not around as much. Lots of shoppers between 6 and 7pm. Too few volunteers. Boring for volunteers when its not busy. Customers like working with volunteers. Carol King will help do volunteer calls. The weather was bad on Saturdays. Some stuff around forever. Should have sets of jewelry.

People asked for UNICEF cards. Recycled stuff good, not t-shirts, gelobe stuff, organic socks & tights, practical stuff, men's shorts, more children's stuff, for older kids and infants. museum kits, baby clothes, organic baby clothes, bright color seed necklaces, mugs? did they sell?, Ute pottery, local stuff,

Should table more, more competition with other Africa stores, African stuff sales down.

Finances: Sales down, we may not be able to pay all our loans or have enough money for next year. Ruth will draft 3 budgets with various hours for the store and for paid staffing. People should think about next year.

To order: valentines, chocolate, obvious stuff that sold out.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 31st from 6-8pm

Volunteer Party: At Ruth's Sun Feb 4th from 1-4pm, potluck. Anne to help mail invitations.

Inventory: Feb 10th and 11th. Carol King to help call. Free stuff that doesn't sale to be given away.