

FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Saturday, January 17, 1970
Sherman House, French Room - 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

- I. Review of minutes from the Board of Directors meeting, December 9, 1969. (EXHIBIT I)
- II. Appointment of an Executive Director, in accordance with Article 6, Section 3 of the Constitution and By-laws.
- III. Designation of officers of the Foundation, in accordance with Article 6, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-laws.

"The officers of the Foundation shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a term of one year...The President, the Vice-President, and the Treasurer, but not necessarily the Secretary, shall be members of the Board of Trustees."

The persons elected will serve until the Board of Trustees is re-constituted, following the taking of office by those elected in the May, 1970 election.

- IV. Appointment of an Executive Committee, in accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-laws.

"The Board of Trustees shall elect an Executive Committee to consist of five (5) members, one (1) of whom shall be the Chairman of the Board, two (2) of whom shall be Elected Trustees, and two (2) of whom shall be Appointed Trustees."

- V. Appointment of a firm of certified public accountants, in accordance with Article 7, Section 8 of the Constitution and By-laws.

It is recommended that the firm of Neimark, Kraus & Company be appointed.

- VI. Consideration of By-laws. (EXHIBIT II)

Does the Board wish to make any emendations?

- VII. Calendar for operation of Foundation.

- A. When are the elected officials to take office?
(See Article 2, Section 5 of the By-laws.)

- B. When is the Annual Meeting to be held?
(See Article 4, Section 1 of the By-laws.)

VIII. Operational Mechanics.

- A. How are checks to be made out and who is to sign them?
- B. Standard acknowledgment for gifts: for information
- C. Membership card: for information
- D. Letterhead for the stationery of the Foundation:
for information

IX. Observer from National Freedom Fund for Librarians.

The Board of Directors of the National Freedom Fund for Librarians has indicated its willingness to disband itself and turn over its functions and funds to ALA when "ALA has established comparable machinery." In the belief that all energies are needed to make one fund viable, it is recommended that a representative (s) from the National Freedom Fund for Librarians observe the remainder of this meeting to smooth the way toward a joining of the Fund and the Foundation.

X. Determination of election procedures.

In accordance with Article 3, Section 4 of the Constitution and By-laws, "the first election of Elected Trustees shall be held in May of 1970."

The Board of Trustees must establish procedures by which to carry out this directive.

XI. Determination of priorities on which the Freedom to Read Foundation will focus.

What is the Foundation trying to accomplish? When and what kind of "support" is it to offer? What is to be the relationship of the Foundation to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom? How can the procedures established in the PROGRAM OF ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS be utilized? (EXHIBIT III)

Procedures to attain the goals and priorities must be determined. It is suggested that the Board appoint a "Procedures Subcommittee" from among its members, to report back to the Board at its Annual Meeting.

XII. Fund-raising campaigns. (EXHIBIT IV)

It would seem that the viability of the Freedom to Read Foundation depends on a strong financial base. The goal for such could conceivably be set at a million dollars. How then is this money to be raised?

It is suggested that a Fund-Raising Subcommittee be appointed from among the members of the Board, to work with Staff in developing such campaigns. The Subcommittee should report back to the Board as soon as possible, and in no case later than the Annual Meeting.