

MEETING MINUTES, SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICANS  
Sunday morning, 10-12 p.m. 1978

Attendees: Virginia, Jim May, Jean Coleman, Charles  
Visitors: Marilyn Haas, Shimizu (Western Mich.), Norma, Kirkpatrick  
(Wichita)

Whitehouse pre-conference:

Virginia reviewed to the group the activities leading up to a resolution that librarians are essential to the further support of Indian culture. NTCA, NIEA both support the preconference. This committee's concern is not so much with the structure of Indian libraries but that they are realized at all.. There has been a deparate need evidenced for professional expertise and services.

To the conference, there will be 125 Indian delegates and ca. 50 resource people/observers. The conference is limited in size by the capacity of the Denver Hilton hotel (ca. 190) A flat fee will cover the room and board for the Indian conference attenders, so that no cash will need to change hands. Recommendations from the conf. will be widely disseminated in the Indian community ~~between~~ in the interim between the pre-conf. and the fullconferen-e. Discussion leaders will be non-

librarians, recorders will be librarians. Discussion leaders and recorders will be trained for three days prior to conf.

JC: Are there any plans for the interim period---maintaining level of training with the delegates, etc.

V: The planning committee is committed to meeting with their respective tribes and toher tribes. There will be special orientation meetings with delegates to the full conference.

Jim: Useful to get as much input as possible from the reservations.

V: Oct. 19-22 at the Dnver Hilton.

Haas: Announced program on Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., at Center for the History of the American Indian. Program sponsored by the Newberry.

V: Newsletter has been very effective in providing information, bringing people together. Cheryl is to be commended.

No invitations issued as yet to resource people or special guests. Could jim find a sponsor that would pay his way, as the committee is short on funds?

DALLAS Conference plans:

This committee could do:

1. discuss the findings and recommendations of the pre-conference
2. involve the Dallas Indian center
3. introduce the Technical Assistance Program.

At Denver, there will now be a special collection from the Denver Public library housed in the Denver Indian Center. Asked Jim to find out whether the Dallas Indian Center has ~~made~~ any substantial operation

in conjunction with the Dallas Public Library. Jim will send V. info; she will contact Lillian Bradshaw at Dallas Public.

JC: Parent committee wanted to take 1 day to all OLSD events. Tues., June 26. Overall theme will be Poverty: The Real Issue.

V: A little uncomfortable with that theme. Sees discrimination as a blocking factor equal in significance to poverty. Will take 2-4p.m. time slot.

JC: Explains Technical assistance program. It was written into the budget Has written draft justification, which was inadvertently not included in material to be distributed to committee. She will get copies of draft to members ASAP; wants feedback from individuals.

NIEA Project Media:

JC: Project MEDIA not to be funded further. What to do with materials. JC had contact with someone from NIEA who was inquiring as to the usefulness of these materials by OLSD.

v: Thinks we ought to take this over. L. Smith is going to Dallas; multi-media is her specialty area .

JC: It will take some funds to re-start the project. Brook would be able to raise funds. JC will provide the information to V.

Jim: Major things happening in California. Proj. 13's effect to library service for American Indians is far greater than to rest of community. Rural libraries, book mobiles already being axed.

v: Suggests letter to Ethel Crockett, properly handled so as to not sound adversary. Asked Jim to draft a letter to be sent on behalf of the committee. To JC: Will committee be asked for an evaluation of the newsletter; are funds in any danger??

JC: Newsletter costs ca. \$3000/annually. Currently written off as advertising expense. She will be putting mailing addresses on the computer, as manual addressing and mailing is getting cumbersome. She will firm up mailing lists this summer.

v: Wants delegates to pre-conference added to mailing lists.

JC: Send her the names prior to July 15.

Ch: Whether to designate the organization or the person as recipient of Project Media materials.

v: Proposed that JC go to the Executive Dir. to request NIEA to turn material over to OLSD (Exec. Dir. of NIEA, that is.)

JC: Needs drafts returned with feedback by July 15.

V: Wants to know if we can stave off those people wanting us to charge for the newsletter.

JC: Computed the potential cost of billing people. Would add up to a cost of \$5-6 per subscription.

Jim: Noted that we can provide better access to the availability of the project media materials through advertising them in the Newsletter.

JC: OLSD will be able to transport Project Media materials to Dallas.  
All technical arrangements for a visit (?) can be arranged through ALA. Open house.

V: Asked Jim NOT to negotiate with Dallas people in terms<sup>of</sup> an open house. Rather, work on that project later.

J: Will come as a delegate from Santa Rosa Indians to Dallas.