

Tuesday, July 9, 1985
Social Responsibilities Round Table
Coretta Scott King Award Task Force
ALA Summer Conference (Chicago, Illinois)
9:30 A. M., Dining Room 7, Palmer House

Present: Carole McCollough, Margaret Poarch, Ethel Ambrose, Effie Lee Norris, Geraldine Clark, Harriet B. Brown, Dorothy S. Jones, Carolyn L. Garnes, Jackie Sykes, Marva L. DeLoach, David L. Searcy, Henrietta M. Smith, Ginny Moore Kruse, Violette Brooks, David Searcy, Barbara Jones, Martha Ruff, Mamie Grady

Meeting was called to order by Chair David Searcy. Committee members introduced themselves. Minutes for the last meeting were read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES-- Ms. Brown

It was suggested to the task force that the Archives be put in some public place. Committee will bring materials to New York to be turned over.

BOOK SELECTION--Henrietta Smith

Ms. Smith was pleased with the work of the committee and she will send Walter Dean Myers' speech to David. The speeches were taped. It was also mentioned that the speeches and tapes be placed in the Archives. Mr. Myers stated that he was editing his speech at the table and he would get a good copy to them. Henrietta and Ethel are working on guidelines to crystalize the rules for the Award Committee---length of time, continuity, etc. Ethel N. Ambrose and Margaret Poach stated that they would like to step down from the committee because of other heavy commitments. Barbara Jones stated that she would like to serve on the book selection committee. Effie Lee Morris stated that it is really important to keep the committee integrated. Ethel submitted the name of Ginny Moore Kruse to serve on the committee. There was discussion about getting speeches published. It is important not to fall in line commercially with Newbery/Caldecott, but rather to publish the speeches as a body.

On behalf of the entire task force, thanks were given by David Searcy to Ethel, Henrietta, and Margaret, for a tremendous job.

GLYNDON GREEN SCHOLARSHIP--Joyce Mills

General Criteria: Establish an award to be given to a minority high school student who had published. Committee is presently working on an initial flyer stating the criteria with the help of ALA PIO office. Will focus on local students of ALA convention city, then student will most likely be there. It was recommended that Jerry _____ of the New York Board of Education be on the task force. There was discussion on the omission of cities other than Conference cities. Nationwide dissemination is

difficult. It was suggested by Henrietta, that convention city locale not be included in the printed criteria. It was added that New Jersey students be included since the award started in New Jersey. The committee will work out the details.

BREAKFAST REPORT--Chair Searcy thanked Violette Brooks for a tremendous job. Violette expressed her pleasure at having worked with David. She shared a letter from one of the founders, Mabel R. McKissack, who could not be present to express her opinion.

There were 399 tickets sold; 250 tickets had been sold by June 18th. About thirty people forgot their tickets and there was no record kept of those that were sold at the booth, where extra tickets were available. The breakfast cost \$10.54. The update will include a breakdown of cost. We had \$4000 on hand. Received \$858 for seals from Faxon. This was for housing and spraying of labels. Henrietta stated that book selection committee should include a notification of the seals and how to order.

PUBLICITY--Lucille Thomas was doing this for us, but had to resign because of other commitments. Chair Searcy asked for a volunteer. Barbara Jones agreed to serve on the publicity committee until a Chair is selected. Information on cost and ordering will be in the update. It was also stated that it was a nuisance that publishers were asked to buy tickets. Subtle encouragement is needed. In the correspondence it will be stated that complimentary tickets will be given to winners and publishers, and guests will be expected to purchase tickets. It was suggested that honoring sponsors be given free tickets, as well. Dorothy Jones suggested that the cost of free tickets be included in the cost of the ticket. It was suggested by Marva that the chair and budget committee handle the budget and do what is necessary. We do not want the price too high for people to attend. Effie suggested that we look at a non-traditional breakfast.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD TASK FORCE MEETING TIME

Mid-Winter 1986---January 17th -23rd

Friday 8-10pm.

Saturday, 8-10 am. Book Selection Meeting

Sunday, 4-5:30 pm.

Thanks were expressed by Chair to Carolyn L. Gaines for the honorable mention bookmark.

Question was raised about the Faxon bill, as to whether another bill will be received from Faxon for warehousing seals. Chair Searcy will check to be sure we aren't charged again.

David Searcy will be in New York in October and will meet with New York area librarians to make local arrangements.

David shared a letter from Birdie O. Weir, Director of the J. F. Drake Memorial Learning Resource Center, stating that they did not want the Coretta Scott King Collection moved. The committee agreed to start a new collection of the award books and establish them in Atlanta and support the new collection by adding the new titles.

Chair Searcy passed out a brochure that ALSC does for Newbery Winners for our consideration.

Marva suggested that the CSK Task Force check to see what ALA Publishing can do to help, and what our group is entitled to. Gary Facente (Vice-President of ALA Publishing) is very approachable. Dorothy Jones will check with Gary Facente regarding what ALA Publishing can do.

Henrietta Smith suggested that invocation be kept as a part of the breakfast, or, at least, a moment of meditation. Barbara Jones stated that we should be aware of the type of invocation that will be given. Violette Brooks moved that the Coretta Scott King Award Task Force include an invocation of an Ecumenical nature. Seconded by Harriet Brown. Approved by the Task Force.

Martha Ruff and Dorothy Jones will also work on publicity.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Jones
Secretary
SRRT/Coretta Scott King Task Force