

Sunday, January 6, 1985
Social Responsibilities Round Table
Coretta Scott King Award Task Force
8-10pm, Idaho Room/Washington Sheraton Hotel

Present: Margaret Poarch, Mary Biblo, Ethel Ambrose, Fanette H. Thomas, Carole McCollough, Effie Lee Morris, Beatrice James, Joyce Mills, Ginny Moore Kruse, Violette Brooks, Doris Kirschbraum, Barbara Levinson, Henrietta Smith, David Searcy, and Barbara Jones

Meeting was called to order by Chair David Searcy at 8:20. David apologized for being late, Metro does not run after 6pm and he did not know and had to get a bus at the last moment. Chair called for committee reports.

BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE. Award books announced. CSK Award book is "Motown and Didi" by Walter Dean Myers. Honor books are: "Circle of Gold" by Candy Dawson Boyd and "A Little Love" by Virginia Hamilton. No picture book was selected. All authors will be present at the breakfast in Chicago. Press release has been prepared and will be in cognotes tomorrow. The BSC is concerned about the scarcity of materials by blacks.

DISCUSSION

Effie Lee stated that the excitement of publishers is being passed on. One publisher was apologetic because he did not have a book to submit for consideration, but stated that he would have one next year. She also asked could we send authors and illustrators who have gotten awards and honorable mention a brochure listing those having received the award and honorable mention. Noted that authors who have received the award now mention the CSK Award on their jacket blurbs. We have the speeches of John Steptoe's and Mildred Taylor's acceptance for 1982. Effie's concept of a brochure is like the Newbery Reader with biographical material and speeches of award winners. Such an undertaking would take at least a year. It was suggested that eight people from the BSC who have worked with authors' books work on such a project. No one has a list of all the recipients of the SCK Award except those who attended the Commemorative Program in Dallas. It was impossible to hold plates of the original commemorative program. Question was raised as to whether a bookmark could be made. This is a good suggestion but presently all committee members have other enormous responsibilities.

Arrangements will be made to sell the seals at the SRRT table in Chicago. Cost information can be found in the Dallas Program.

Question was raised regarding the best location for the CSK Award Collection. Moves are now being made to have the books

sent from Alabama A&M to North Carolina Central at Durham N.C. Atlanta University was suggested as possibly a better site. Coretta Scott King is based there and Lev Mills who designed the seals is also in Atlanta. This matter will be further investigated and reported on at the summer meeting. David will get in touch with Glyndon's sister and Joyce Mills will check with Atlanta University about housing the collection there.

It was also reported that Coretta Scott King is very moved and touched by the award and the breakfast. She understands what the award means to people around the country.

Joyce Mills suggested that a letter be sent to each publisher asking them to purchase the seals along with a brochure.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS--We won't know until after Mid-winter what hotel will be assigned for the breakfast. ALA puts all requests in perspective and spreads all large affairs around. The arrangement committee has stated they will do their best to accommodate us. We have asked for the Hyatt. The menu will be chosen by the local arrangement chair Violette Brooks. Ticket price will be kept at \$15. ALA photographer will take care of photos. Violette will receive ticket money at her home address and send remainder of tickets to the meal ticket desk during the week of the conference. A number of tickets will be reserved for Chicago residents. Press releases about the breakfast will be sent to professional journals for advance ticket sales. Posted envelopes should accompany advance reservations for return of tickets. Breakfast will be held Tuesday, July 9th from 7:30 to 9am. Commemorative Program from Dallas will be sent to the SRRT Archives.

SRRT ACTION COUNCIL--Doris Kirschbaum reported. "Reinvesting in Racism" is the proposed program idea for 1986 ALA ANNUAL in New York. This is designed to call publishers in question about the lack of black books being published. Publishers would be invited to answer. Ethel Ambrose stated that 21 titles were sent in for consideration this year, but all did not meet the criteria. The committee is encouraged by the apologetic attitude of publishers who had no books to offer. Publishers have stated they have to be concerned with economics. Henrietta Smith and Ginny Kruse volunteered to work with the SRRT Action Council to outline the New York program. David discussed info previously shared about selling seals at the SRRT Table in Chicago and staffing it. Long range planning of SRRT was also discussed. The SRRT will continue to be a reactionary group and monitor ALA. It was suggested that the group have some structure but remain loose and monitor ALA.

DISCUSSION

It was asked if the task force would publish a condensed history of the CSK Award. David volunteered to bring a mini brochure that his branch does. Joyce Mills stated that she presented at the AASL Convention this past fall and included the CSK Award List. Barbara Jones attended that workshop and duplicated the list for school librarians in Northwest Iowa. It is currently on the drawing board to make a slide presentation of the award books. Carol McCollough volunteered to do the narrative for the tape. Corrections for the honor list were made: 1979 Caorl Fenner's "Skates of Uncle Remus" should read "Skates of Uncle Richard." Ethel Ambrose stated the need to produce a quality controlled list of CSK Award Winners. Others have produced inaccurate lists of the winners. Barbara Jones volunteered to check into the cost of printing a bookmark of the CSK Award Winners with graphics. It was suggested that we check with ALSC to see what it costs them to print their bookmark. David will check with Jean Coleman of ALA.

Other items...Mary Biblo announced the Apartheid Demonstration on Monday at the South African Embassy from 3:30-5:30.

Joyce Mills mentioned the Famous Amos Biography and that we should read it and mention it to others.

We should write a letter to the illustrator sponsor, Wally Amos, and World Book explaining why no illustrator award was given this year.

Citations will be given to John H. Johnson and Basil Phillips for their support through the years. Effie volunteered to take care of the citations. Invitations will be sent to these two men. It was moved by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms James that the above actions be taken.

It was noted the this would be Bob Wedgeworth's last breakfast as Executive Director and should be thanked for his support.

Effie suggested that we secure donors to underwrite cost of plaques. (Around \$500 last year) Black companies and organizations will be contacted on a national level.

The Task Force was charged not to discuss the awards other than the names of winners and their works.

Mary Biblo was appointed chair of the By Laws Committee.

Respectfully Yours,
Barbara Jones
Recorder