

1984 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SRRT-CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD
TASK FORCE

The SRRT-Coretta Scott King Award Task Force was held on Tuesday, June 26, 1984, 9:30am - 11:00am, Brisbane Room A, Hyatt Regency, Dallas, TX.

PRESENT: Effie Lee Morris, (Chair); David L. Searcy, (secretary); Barbara Rollock; Mary Biblo; Mamie Grady; Henrietta Smith; Ella Yates; Mabel McKissick; Carole McCollough; Dorothy Jones; Ethel Ambrose; Harriett Brown; Margaret Poarch; Joyce Mills; Violette Brooks; Cordie Hines; Annie Lee Carroll.

Guest: Elizabeth F. Howard

MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS Ms. Effie Lee Morris, Chair, called the meeting to order. She praised Cordie Hines and the members of the Dallas Local Arrangements Committee for a fine job. Introductions were made by all in attendance.

Various Task Force members commented on the success of the breakfast and the impact of having Mrs. Coretta Scott King present. Mrs. King now sees the real meaning of the award, and Mrs. Greer's vision in acknowledging a Black woman.

Morris spoke on the development of the Honorable Mention Certificates and passed them around for members to examine.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS Cordie Hines, chair, stated the handbook prepared by Kathryn Carr was helpful in planning the breakfast. She made a brief report. A total of 581 tickets were sold and the total cost of the breakfast was \$6,600. The amount of profit was not available due to some outstanding bills that had not been paid. Hines would submit a complete report later. The entire Task Force thanked Hines for an excellent job.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE Mamie Grady, chair, passed out copies of a report prepared by Jean Coleman on the status of the fund raising activity and the CSK seals. The following was extracted directly from the report:

\$4,445.00 raised through contributions
500.00 contributed by Johnson Publications for fund raising
50.00 first contribution made by Barbara Rollock at Midwinter
\$4,995.00 raised

Expenditures to date:

\$2,852.05 transferred to SRRT Action Council in full payment of loan
\$1,208.00 to vertint seals in preparation for sale
135.00 bill for printing 2 page fund raising letter
306.43 postage for fund raising letter
\$4,501.48

A balance of \$493.52 would be left in the CSK-TF budget. This revenue does not include any funds from the sale of breakfast tickets or other income.

A total of \$85.00 in additional contributions was turned over to

Grady making the balance \$578.52. Basil Phillips was instrumental in convincing Mr. John H. Johnson to provide funds for the souvenir booklet. All Task Force members were encouraged to send Mr. Johnson thank-you letters. Morris thanked Grady and the members of the committee for an excellent job. All outstanding bills should be sent to Morris before August 1, 1984.

BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE Barbara Rollock, chair, will submit the calendar for the Book Selection Committee later. Due to other commitments in ALA, Rollock asked to be relieved of her duties as chair. Morris thanked Rollock for outstanding service.

Henrietta Smith, chair of the Lifetime Award Committee, will report at Midwinter.

FUTURE PLANS Morris stated that being chair of the Task Force has been challenging. She thanked everyone for all their support and hard work. Due to other commitments in ALA, she has decided to resign as chair of the Task Force effective the end of the Dallas conference.

ACTION Rollock nominated David L. Searcy as chair of the Task Force. Searcy was elected the new chair by acclamation.

ACTION Rollock nominated Ethel Ambrose and Henrietta Smith as Co-chairs of the Book Selection Committee. They both were elected by acclamation.

ACTION Ambrose moved that the records show a warm vote of thanks to Effie Lee Morris and Barbara Rollock for yeoman service. The entire Task Force agreed.

Ambrose pointed out a grave ^{problem} concerning the publishing of books by Black authors and illustrators. Only one book has been published this year that is eligible for the award. Morris suggested that we might have to consider retrospective books. Biblo suggested that ALA be alerted of this problem. Morris asked the Task Force to be **ready at** Midwinter with a resolution that has been researched. The Task Force would approach ALSC and AASL about endorsing the resolution.

APPOINTMENTS Publicity Committee: Violette Brooks; Ella G. Yates.

Local Arrangements - 1985 Chicago Breakfast: Violette Brooks, chair; Mamie Grady.

ADJOURNMENT