

CSK TASK FORCE MINUTES

July 1, 1986

Chelsea Room, Marriott Marquis
New York City, New York

The Coretta Scott King Task Force Meeting commenced at 10:15 with Chair David Searcy presiding. Meeting began with introductions of committee members.

Present: Ginny Moors Kruse, Fran Ware, Nancy Woodson, Mabel McKissick, Carolyn L. Garnes, Jackie Sykes, Rubye Kyles, Alice Fonten Jacobs, Dorothy S. Jones, Carole McCullough, Henrietta M. Smith, Mary Biblo, Mamie Grady, Geraldine Clark, Barbara Jones, Ethel Ambrose, Joyce Whit Mills, Effie Lee Morris, Harriet B. Brown, and David Searcy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown stated that she is communicating with B. James. Any material on SCK Award is to be forwarded to the committee. She is now canvassing where archives will be stored. This will be decided next year. Henrietta stated that pictures should be dated. Resolution copies were given to archivist and secretary by Mabel McKissick.

By Laws Mary Biblo

Discussion of By-laws will be tabled til Mid Winter because we don't have enough responses yet. Some questions have been raised-- Do you have to be a SRRT member?--Why can't Chair serve on nominating committee? (Roberts Rules of Order notes that chair doesnot serve on the nominating committee)-- ALA policy is that terms be 2 years. Please forward responses to Mary Biblo regrading the recommended By Laws. Rules for Book Selection Committee will be included in the By Laws. Please send By Law responses to Mary Biblo by November 1st. Address is 5225 S. Blackstone, Chicago, Illinois 60615.

Local Arrangements

Thanks were extdended to Geraldine Clark and Margarite Dotson for a splendid job for their local arrangement work. Committee did not have a handbook. It was recommended that local arrangements chair get carbons of official correspondence and the program in advance. There needs to be a written statemnt of exactly what the L.A. committee is responsible for doing. Chair stated that a handbook was left with Geraldine's secretary listing the duties. Financial report- 246 tickets sold by mail and 127 tickets sold at the booth. Ticket cost was \$18.00. A meeting was held with management personnel about the arrangements. Cost was reduced a couple of dollars and menu adjusted for a better selection. Contract had a seventy-two hour deadline for committed meals. We settled on a 370 person gaurantee. Contract stated they would set up for 3% above the settled amount. The chair's count of those attending was 370. A verbal agreement has been reached that

we do not have to pay for the near disaster in the ballroom this morning. Only one outstanding bill remains. This is the florist bill of \$100. ALA will handle the particulars.

Publicity

Chair made report and thanked Dorothy Jones. Press releases were plentiful and good coverage was given to the CSK Breakfast.

Scholarship

Communications regarding scholarships should be sent to Joyce Mills and Carolyn Garner.

Book Selection Henrietta Smith

Committee is now looking for a non-minority person. Committee is desirous of active people. Rita Auerbach of Long Island (a non-minority) has expressed an interest in the Book Selection Committee. Those wanting to volunteer were asked to leave their names and addresses with Henrietta Smith. Members are asked to think of some overall type of an award for those making a continuous contribution of outstanding works. This would be an award given for books published over a period of time. The committee has already received some things to review for next year. Henrietta has a bill to submit for payment.

Financial Report- David Searcy

Plaques- \$500. In treasury as of mid-winter \$2,000; some expenses are still to be deducted. Three publishers bought tables and paid for tickets for the Book selection committee who were not at the front table.

Old Business

Printing of pamphlets--Chicago graphic artist, Mary Swenson, who does program can do pamphlet work for us. Comments--Before ALA Publicity gets involved we should have seal information in our press release with buying info. CSK Seals should also be available at the ALA Bookstore. Can we be put on the ALA Publication List?

New Business

San Francisco Breakfast--It was suggested that Effie Lee Morris chair the LA Committee for the San Francisco Breakfast. However, Effie Lee Morris is chair of the ALSC Local Arrangement Committee and is unable to chair the CSK LA. Neil Perek, Head of Children's Services in San Francisco is also on the ALSC Local Arrangements Committee, but could possibly get a name of someone who could chair the CSK LA Committee.

Other Discussion

Barbara Jones related an incident of author Barbara Campbell who desired to attend the breakfast but could not afford the cost of the ticket. Miss Campbell had inquired if there was any provision made by

the Committee to let black authors come who were unable to purchase a ticket. Suggestion--Author should approach their own publisher about purchasing a ticket. We could also place chairs in the back of the room for persons to attend the actual program who don't purchase a breakfast ticket.

Chair Searcy thanked Mrs. McKissick for the moving tribute in honor of Mr. Carroll. Mrs. Carroll was most appreciative.

Book selection committee will distribute the list of books that are reviewed but not awarded so librarians can be aware of what is available by black authors. Titles that are submitted will be sent to the task force members. We should consider a way to bring black authors to the attention of librarians and the general public.

Announcements-- Book Selection Chair Henrietta Smith has received an invitation for the Newbery Committee for and her husband has recently been appointed to a Judgeship in Florida. Congratulations to Henrietta and her family!

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Barbara Jones,
Recording Sec.