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SRRT ACTION COUNCIL MEETINGS, JUNE 1971

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JUNE 21 and WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

MONDAY, JUNE 21

1. Budget requests
2. TF on Affair in Dallas ✓
TF on Gay Liberation *passed*
TF on Women's Liberation *passed*
2. ALA Budget and Professional Priorities *from*
3. FTRF Report *Freedom to Read - postpone - passed*
4. Harrisburg Resolutions *passed*
5. Peoples' Peace Treaty Resolutions *passed*
6. Priorities in Office of Education--the U of Maryland Case ✓
7. Other pressing action needed

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

1. Annual reports
 - Clearinghouse
 - Affiliates Liason
 - Task Force Liason
 - Coordinator's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Recording Secretary Report
2. "Program" meetings reports and discussion
 - Dallas
 - Counter-conference Dallas
 - Suggestions to new Action Council for Chicago '72 *delayed*
- x 3. Caucus of new Action Council to decide division of responsibilities
- x 4. ✓ Proposed amendment by addition to ORGANIZATION AND ACTION.
5. Other action needed at this meeting.

SRRT ACTION COUNCIL
Monday, June 21, 1971
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Announcements

Thursday evening after the SRRT program a film about Angela Davis will be shown in cooperation with the Black Caucus.

Tom Shaughnessy resigned from Action Council, so Dick Akeroyd will stay on for another year.

Jim Welbourne talked to the group to arouse support from socially responsible groups for continued funding of the Urban Information Specialist program at the University of Maryland. It was suggested that ALA-SRRT wire the Office of Education in support of extending the funding for the program.

A fall conference is being planned on Information Strategies for Black Intervention in the Urban Future (The National Conference of Black Intervention) for groups having a scholarly interest in the future of black intervention to provide a national communication exchange. Bob Croneberger will work with Jim Welbourne on this.

Budget Requests

Jackie Eubanks for Convention Daily News.	\$ 75.00
Task force on Gay Liberation.	669.48
Task Force on Status of Women.	10.00
Requests were approved by Action Council.	

It was announced that the American Indian Task Force will probably get independent funding in the future.

ALA Budget

COPES cut out the position of Minorities Recruiter in April. Members found out about it in American Libraries.

What can SRRT do?

1. Gather signatures on petitions.
2. Put red tags saying "Parity now" on Conference badges.
3. Let the Black Caucus take the lead in presenting a resolution but be ready to speak in support of the resolution.

Resolutions for ALA Membership Meeting

1. Action Council voted to speak in support of placing the Harrisburg resolution (Copy attached) on the agenda of the membership meeting.

2. Action Council endorsed Jackie Eubanks' resolution (Copy attached).

Report from Joan Marshall SRRT representative, Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF)

New members elected to the Foundation's Board of Trustees are Daniel Melcher, Ervin Gaines, Eli Oboler, and Kathleen Molz. The Executive Board will be the same as this year.

There is an extensive fund raising program for the next five years. According to estimates, by the end of fiscal 1971-72 the Foundation should have a total of 4,470 new members for a total estimated income of \$113,000.

There was \$9,000 in the FTRF. The Board voted \$1,000 to the Rochester Community School, Michigan in its fight to have Kurt Vonnegut's Slaughterhouse Five returned to the school library shelves.

FTRF passed a resolution in support of the New York Times and voted to send copies immediately (as soon as typed) to the appropriate Senate committee and to the New York Times. This was not done, because some members of the Board felt it would carry more weight if it went from ALA Council after it had been voted by Council.

The FTRF discussed the possibility of printing on the ALA Membership Form a category of Associate Member of FTRF which would cost each member of ALA \$2.00 but would not give them any membership privileges in FTRF, such as voting.

SRRT members suggested that Action Council push for evaluation of FTRF. It was suggested that Action Council draft a resolution urging ALA Council to investigate FTRF and to stop funding it administratively via Office of Intellectual Freedom. No action was taken on this suggestion.

It was pointed out that, although ALA membership is dropping, SRRT is growing. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Dave Weill draft a resolution proposing the SRRT Constitution and By-Laws as a possible method of reorganization of ALA.

Respectfully Submitted

by

Anne A. Sweat

RESOLUTION TO ALA MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN DALLAS, JUNE 1971

The war in Indochina is being continued by our government in spite of the expressed will of the citizens of the U.S. This calls into question the democratic nature of our system. If the government won't make the peace, it is in the interest of the people we serve professionally that we join in approving and implementing a People's Peace Treaty.

1. I move that the ALA endorse as a body the Peoples Peace Treaty, and instruct our Washington office to inform the Congress.
2. I move that the ALA publish a list of the publishers owned by conglomerates with a significant defense department commitment as soon as possible.
3. I move that this issue be directed by this meeting to a mail ballot of the ALA membership.

Submitted by Jackie Eubanks

This year we two librarians hit the national press when we were subpoenaed by a Federal grand jury as witnesses in a conspiracy case, then labelled the Harrisburg 6, now called the Harrisburg 8, named after Harrisburg, Pa. locale of the grand jury hearings. What has happened to us is of extreme importance to our profession.

We move:

(1) that ALA membership meeting at Dallas recognizes the danger to intellectual freedom presented by the use of spying in libraries by government agencies.

(2) that ALA go on record against the use of the grand jury procedure to intimidate anti-Vietnam war activists and people seeking justice for minority communities.

(3) that ALA deplore and go on record against the use of the Conspiracy Act of 1968 as a weapon against the citizens of this country who are being indicted for such acts as meeting, telephoning, discussing alternative methods of bringing change, writing letters.

(4) that the ALA membership at Dallas assert the confidentiality of the professional relationships of librarians to the people they serve, that these relationships be respected in the same manner as medical doctors to their patients, lawyers to their clients, priests to the people they serve.

(5) that ALA assert that it is expected that no librarian would lend himself to a role as informant, whether of voluntarily revealing circulation records or identifying patrons and their reading habits.

Submitted by Zoia Horn

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