

MINUTES - Action Council Meeting, Washington, D.C., Nov. 6-7, 1971.

Those present: Akeroyd, Emerick, Eubanks, Hodgin, Schuman, Wright; also present: M. Crawford and G. Shields.

AGGENDA

- I: Announcements and General Information.
 - II. Clearinghouse Report (M. Crawford).
 - III. Treasures's Report (J. Wright).
 - IV. Report of Minority Recruitment (J. Wright).
 - V. Library of Congress Action; Barbara Ringer Case (J. Eubanks & J. Williams)
 - VI. SRRT Brochure (E. Hodgin).
 - VII. SRRT Representative to Membership Committee (J. Eubanks).
 - VIII. Joint Program with SORT.
 - IX. Angela Davis Pamphlet (J. Eubanks).
 - X. Peter Doiron.
 - XI. D.C. Public Library Support.
 - XII. SRRT Archives.
 - XIII. SRRT By Laws.
 - XIV. Use of SRRT Mailing List.
 - XV. SRRT Dues.
 - XVI. Staughton Lynd Resolution (J. Eubanks).
 - XVII. Grant Requests (P. Schuman).
 - XVIII. Midwinter Program (P. Schuman).
- Recorded by T Emerick:
- XIX. Alternative Election Slate (P. Schuman).
 - XX. Task Forces Budget Requests (T. Emerick and TF Representatives).
 - XXI. FTRF Report (J. Marshall).
 - XXII. Action Council Attendance.
 - XXIII. Action Council Meetings: Sharing of Expenses.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Discussion and preparation of an Action Council Position Report will be deferred until Midwinter.
2. Jackie reported on the current situation with regard to ALA's reaction to the Library of Congress action on Monday (see Attachment 1) Jackie also mentioned that a registered letter had been sent to her concerning this but that she had not yet picked it up since its contents had been released to others before it was sent to her. Also, if she picked it up before the LC action ALA could bring some action against her.
3. COSMEP (see Attachment 2). Discussion and action on this deferred until Midwinter.
4. Action Council attendance (see Item XXII below for further discussion and action concerning this):
 - Gay Detlefsen (2nd meeting missed) - at McGill University to talk with the students there about SRRT and other things; this was the only time she could get there - Should she be dropped from Action Council in accordance with the By Laws? - Didn't seem fair to those who would be asked to replace her since they would be ineligible to run again for 2 years after serving only 6 months of a 2 year term. - Possibility that she be dropped without a replacement and we continue with a reduced Action Council as an exemplary action. - No action taken.
 - Bob Croneberger (1st meeting missed) - His letter of resignation (Attachment 3) not accepted by Action Council following Jackie's talking with him and his resolve to remain on through June. - Jackie's notes on his letter clarify this action.

Joe Lindenfeld (1st meeting missed) - Has demonstrated lack of commitment since getting into a PhD program. - Had volunteered to serve as Affiliate Group liaison but no action after sending out one letter. - Action Council needs someone to fill in here. - Ellis Hodgkin volunteered to do this, though he prefers to work with Joe on it. - Joe's Philadelphia experience noted here as valuable to Action Council. - Ellis will contact him to see if joint action can be worked out.

Oliver Kirkpatrick (1st meeting missed) - No contact from him since August when he volunteered to advise SRRT on union organizing. - This is especially unfortunate since D.C. Public situation could use his help and advice with their present situation (see Item XI below). - Jackie will try to contact him and see what he wants to do.

Deferred action on these until Midwinter (no action could be taken on Lindenfeld and Kirkpatrick anyway until they miss another meeting) where volunteers could be called at an open meeting to fill those positions that become necessarily vacant.

Some discussion followed about the possibility of a larger Action Council. - Idea here based on the assumption that only about half the members of any group can be depended on to work hard, thus with a 20 member Action Council, for example, the chances are that there would be 10 hard workers! - This might also open the possibility of greater membership participation in Action Council since it might not then appear to be an elite group and more members might feel it would be easier to get involved. - Discussion ended without pursuing these possibilities.

In any event, these decisions will best be held until Midwinter after some more contact with those concerned has been made and commitments gotten. There is also the possibility of opening up discussion of the idea of an enlarged Action Council by membership by putting something in the Newsletter about it. - Even if this happened it could not be implemented until the 1973 elections anyway, but in the meantime the discussion could create some interest among membership about what Action Council does and why, thus making us more open and responsive and accountable to membership.

5. Library of Congress Action (see Item V below). - National Peace Action Coalition people are leafletting their Peace Rally today with information about the Monday action; they had endorsed our action; and they will have a speaker at the Rally this afternoon to tell people about it, encourage participation, etc. - There is also a local radio station (WAVA) which will be making regular announcements about it all weekend. - Ellis and Tyron volunteered to work with Jos Williams throughout the weekend on planning the final details of the demonstration. - Jackie urged them not to use the words "hearings" or "investigation" with reference to this action: our purpose in entering the Library of Congress is to "convey our grave concern to the Librarian of Congress" concerning the firing of the 13 employees, and to urge him to return them to their positions. - Since it seems unlikely that Mr. Mumford will see us we should endeavor to make appointments with various of our colleagues at LC in order to express our concerns to them so they in turn can report this to him. Part of our statement at the Monday rally could then include remarks about whether or not they would see us. - Jackie has the names of a few of those people whom she knows to have Mr. Mumford's ear and these are the people we should make appointments with. - Any statements we make about the Monday action should be cleared with Jos Williams. - Our goals at the Monday rally should be: the reinstatement of the 13 employees; ALA endorsement of a Bill being brought before Congress by the Black Caucus (of Congress) concerning the situation; the establishment of a National Library under Civil Service rules and regulations to protect its employees.

- 6. Jackie reported on a report by Mr. William North, ALA attorney, to Executive Board concerning the position of Round Tables in ALA. - This report came to her attention unofficially. - It appeared under the letterhead of Mr. North's law firm. - Copies of the report will be sent to all Action Council members (Attachment 4). - With regard to its recommendations: by stating these things as he does, Mr. North is saying in effect that these do not now exist, thus in essence the report legitimizes our action at LC on Monday. - Background: the report grew out of ALA's concern over Bart Kane's letter to prisons concerning the Angela Davis case. Kane is working as a SRRT affiliate but is not an ALA Member, but since he was speaking for SRRT he has been able to make a statement reflecting ALA policy. They were, needless to say, a bit concerned about this. - The report is being sent to COO for their recommendations. (Arch. 4A)

Action Council action: send a notice of our concern to Executive Board and requesting the following information: cost of the study; asking why they could not have read and interpreted the by-laws themselves; and asking why the question of Round Tables was not sent to the ALA Constitution and By Laws Committee instead of a law firm. In view of its alternatives, was Executive Board expending ALA funds wisely and responsibly? We don't think so.

Jackie also reported that Jos Williams is having a law firm do a study of this same question. Should SRRT use this report as a counter statement? - Should it be sent to COO as an independent opinion endorsed by SRRT? - Should we make a statement in the library press? - Action deferred on these until Jos's report is finished.

Other Action Council commentary, pro and con, concerning action on this matter: - Best thing to do is ignore it, otherwise we get right back into the old reform bag which we don't want or need anymore. - ALA is exposing their own stupidity with this thing, so if we do the same thing (get a study done) aren't we just wasting time and energy playing the same old game? - This thing will probably be killed by COO anyway, thus ending up as a big waste of money. Thus the best thing we could do is find out how much it cost and expose that: this is the cost of harassment!!! - Overriding idea is that we get the counter statement done and present it to COO with our recommendations. - There was no full agreement on this, but we probably will do it.

- 7. Larry Lynch situation reported on by Ellis. - (Background: Lynch, a librarian, and a veteran, in a V.A. Hospital, had written to Jackie concerning some harassment he had gotten over ordering PLAYBOY for the hospital library. He was ultimately allowed to buy PLAYBOY but had to go through some extra paper work in order to do so. Ellis had been in touch with him prior to the meeting.) - Lynch reports that his situation is okay now, but that this remains a continuing problem in V.A. libraries. He would like SRRT to make people aware of its existence. - Action: send a letter to V.A. Librarians noting that the situation was called to our attention and expressing our concern. Also send a letter to Office of Intellectual Freedom. - Lynch to remain anonymous.

II. CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT

- 1. Budget (Miriam Crawford's budget report attached - Attachment 5).
- 2. People:
 - Bob Gutzke - Affiliate Group contact for Clearinghouse. - Needs better contact with the Action Council Affiliate Group liaison. - Lacks good mailing facilities, but doing well with what is at hand. - Would like some money to help with the mailings. - Ellis and/or Joe should contact him.
 - Judy Mowery - will edit February Newsletter on Task Forces and Affiliates.
 - Tom Phelps - no longer fully responsible for his original assignments since going to Library School. - Will be in and out of Salt Lake City to supervise the activities of the mailing collective he put together there for Clearinghouse. - This collective appears to be working out. - His replacement is Renae Pierce at Salt Lake City Public Library.

Rena Pierce - though not an official Clearinghouse member, will be responsible for Tom Phelp's assignments (except editing an issue of the Newsletter) - can be contacted at the following phone numbers: work, (801) 363-5733, x 50; home, (801) 364-4075.

Liz Futas - has mailing labels for non-ALA SRRT members.

(Action Council commentary)

3. Newsletter: mailings, cost, etc./- See Attachment 5 for estimates. - They should try to keep the estimated cost of \$60.00 per editor per issue to a minimum by whatever is available at their libraries, etc. - Each is trying to do this as much as possible. - If we are doubling the cost of communications then we should be providing more information per issue, thus we should be using verity-typing, etc. regardless of individual resistance to size of type, etc. - Problems in rapid communication: Can we use Task Forces to transmit information? This is being done where possible. - Possible supplementing of regular Newsletter with "hotline" type mailings? - May be more desirable to get out smaller Newsletters more often? - No action now, but we may want to look into some of these and other alternatives if the 3rd class mailing doesn't work out.
4. Accountability of Salt Lake City Mailing Collective - To whom are they accountable since there is no one there who is an official Clearinghouse member? - Miriam is satisfied with this setup and is taking responsibility for it.
5. Librarian's Tribe. - This is a revival of an idea started by Sandy Goin (see Minutes of Oct. 3, 1970 Action Council Meeting). It is now an experimental Special Project of Clearinghouse under Joan Goddard. She is requesting \$20.00 to support its first mailing. - Action Council objections to it: It is a good idea, but it ought to be supported by those using it. - Since all of SRRT membership is not benefiting from it it is viewed as an elitist, non-SRRT activity. - SRRT funds should not be used except where the entire membership will benefit. - Seen as duplicating the Newsletter. - Suggestions: It should receive no more than the initial \$20.00 until its value to the entire SRRT membership is proved. As an experimental Special Project, Joan should write a report of purpose, projected cost, etc. for presentation at Midwinter if possible. This report should include an assessment of the responses to the Newsletter notice and the first mailing. It should also indicate who is on its mailing list (Is it only East Coast people, or is it regionally balanced?)

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Jim Wright's report attached (Attachment 6)
2. Comments: Double payment to Dick Akeroyd resulted from two checks issued to him for personal expenses for a media presentation at the Dallas Conference. One of these checks was for film rentals which should have been paid directly to the distributors. While this was being straightened out a double payment was made to Pyramid Films (after telling Akeroyd to pay the distributors directly ALA Treasures Office also issued a check to Pyramid). ALA will attempt to get their check back from Pyramid. - Gay Liberation Task Force expenses include part of their expenses for Dallas Conference. - In light of the possible dissolution of SRRT as a Round Table (see North's recommendation in his report to Executive Board, Attachment 4) we should fund our Task Forces to the hilt now so that our money will not revert to ALA treasury (compare the balance on Jim's report with the total requests from Task Forces on Tyron's report below (Attachment 18)).

IV. REPORT ON MINORITY RECRUITMENT

1. Jim Wright's report to Executive Board attached (Attachment 7)

2. Comments: Jim noted that there appears to be some leaning at ALA Headquarters toward having consultants rather than filling this Position. This would be in direct opposition to Membership and Council's vote to fund this Position. Also, ALA appears to be looking for foundation funds to offset monies taken from their endowment. If these are gotten however, the priorities seem to be first to give ALA Headquarters Staff their increments, then to use the remaining funds to fill the Position.

Suggested action: continue to put pressure on Executive Board to find the money to fill this position in accordance with Membership and Council resolutions. Note should also be made of priorities: rather than wasting money on such things as North's report (above) and the firing of Doiron (Item X below) or for such things as the Library Technology Project (for which there has never been a Membership or Council mandate) these monies could be more usefully and wisely applied to the filling of this Position, and other more socially responsible activities.

V. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ACTION; BARBARA RINGER CASE.

- 1. Jos Williams had nothing to add to Jackie's comments in Item I,5 above.
- 2. Jos gave some background on the Barbara Ringer Case at LC (see LJ, Oct. 15, 1971)
Action: Pat will write a letter to Barbara expressing our concern for her situation. Notices will also go to the library press.

VI. SRRT BROCHURE

- 1. Background materials attached (Attachment 8). See also Minutes from Action Council Meeting, Oct. 3, 1970.
- 2. Ellis will work on layout and content, but wants guidelines on what to include in it as well as how much to spend. - The SRRT self-study report to COO could be boiled down for basic information about SRRT. - A motion was made and passed to limit the amount spent on the brochure to that which ALA is willing to spend. - This will probably mean that we do the layout, and any graphics which we want and have Salan print it. We will get more for our money this way, and most importantly, we will have control over the content. - The attached brochure for SORT, as an example of what ALA will do for us, is unacceptable. - Ellis will be getting help from some graphics people at his school.

VII. SRRT REPRESENTATIVE TO MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- 1. Jackie asked for an Action Council volunteer. No one interested.
- 2. Jim Wright suggested a friend of his (Pat Johnson) at Xerox, Rochester, N.Y. - She will have to be accountable to Action Council if she accepts. - Jackie will write to her.

VIII. JOINT PROGRAM WITH SORT

Deferred to Task Force on Womens Liberation. - Action Council will take request for funds if they decide to do it.

IX. ANGELA DAVIS PAMPHLET

- 1. Much pro and con discussion over whether or not we should publish this pamphlet. - Objections mainly revolved around whether or not it should be given free distribution, not the actual publishing of it. - The main point of the discussion is that it should be free if our point and purpose in publishing it is to educate people about Angela Davis.

- 2. Action: SRRT will not publish it, but will do all it can to get it published by a small press. Jackie will contact COSMEP about this. - Jackie will also contact Jeannie English (see her attached letter, Attachment 9) to try to get permission for Xerox it and distribute it free at Midwinter.

X. PETER DOIRON

- 1. Jackie's original letter to President Doms concerning Doiron's dismissal is attached (Attachment 10). Also attached are letters inviting Doiron to speak to Action Council (Attachment 11) and a letter to President Doms requesting an ALA representative to be present at the meeting (Attachment 12).
- 2. Doiron's remarks (Attachment 13). - Since these remarks are not given here verbatim, but are my summation, Doiron has been given the opportunity to see them, and to make additions and/or corrections as he felt necessary.
- 3. Comments and action:

It appears obvious that Doiron was not fairly treated. We should therefore go to Executive Board demanding to know why Doiron was not given the opportunity to be present at their hearing, and he was not given a fair hearing. (We do not accept their reasons as stated. Doiron is obviously not a thief, and the Personnel Appraisal Committee procedure is obviously not a proper grievance procedure, not to mention that he had no recourse to reject its use since it would have been prejudiced against him. Furthermore, a new grievance procedure has now been developed for ALA Staff.) A public hearing should be held and Doiron given access to the new procedures.

A motion was made that a complete transcript of Doiron's remarks at this meeting be made and published in AMERICAN LIBRARIES along with our demands for a public hearing. - Gerry Shields answered this by pointing out that the last place anyone should be given a hearing is in a magazine. We would be defeating our own purposes if we did this since the mere publication of Doiron's side of the story could be interpreted as his fair hearing. - The motion was withdrawn.

Jos Williams appealed for us not to lose sight of the real crux of this situation. It is not Doiron's innocence or guilt, rather that he was arbitrarily and capriciously fired, that he did not get a chance to face his accusers or to answer the charges against him, and that due process was denied him. What ought to be demanded then is not that Doiron justify himself or that he prove his innocence to anyone, but simply that he be allowed to face his accusers in an environment where they can confront each other openly in front of an objective party or parties so that they can judge for themselves whether or not ALA's actions were justified. The burden of proof does not lie with Doiron, but with the ALA to prove that they were justified in firing Doiron.

Action: a letter to David Clift demanding to know the cost, in dollar figures, of ALA staff time, travel and legal expenses committed to the firing of Doiron; the cost, in dollar figures, of ALA staff time, travel and legal expenses committed to the administration of CHOICE since the firing of Doiron; and that these figures be presented to Council at Midwinter 1972, or published in the January 1972 issue of AMERICAN LIBRARIES. - We will also go to Council at Midwinter 1972 demanding that a special committee be set up to reopen and review Doiron's case and giving him a fair public hearing (Executive Board is not the proper body to this now in light of their past action concerning this case); and that Council take steps to see that a proper grievance procedure be established that would not only apply to ALA Staff, but would be a model procedure to apply to all libraries.

XI. D. C. PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT

1. Jerome Parsons, a representative from D.C. Public Library Staff Association presented their case. See attached letter and article (Attachment 14).
2. Action: Action Council endorses this letter and will send a letter to the D.C. Mayor so stating. - Also send a letter to the D.C. Mayor requesting parity on the Library Board of Directors; demanding that a Director be hired; and that proper procedures for the Library staff be established.

XII. SRRT ARCHIVES

1. Discussion of the importance and necessity of maintaining archives, especially in light of the fact that much of SRRT policy is made through formal and informal correspondence.
2. It was decided that we should seek some institution (not ALA Headquarters) preferably a library school that was interested in having them. Two provisions necessary: that we have some say in the way they were organized for retrieval, and that we have free and open access to them. - Miriam and Dick will work up an announcement of their availability and our provisions to be published. - Some question arose as to our legal position vis-a-vis ALA Headquarters with regard to this. There probably is none, We will notify them whenever we deposit our records.
3. Dick reported on a matter related to this final point: the yearly deposit of copies of Action Council Meeting Minutes with ALA Headquarters Library. Copies of correspondence with them, and a letter stating our position and procedure to be followed are attached (Attachment 15).

XIII. SRRT BY LAWS

A lengthy discussion on interpretation of the By Laws took place, centered mainly around the relationship of Clearinghouse to Action Council. A complete transcript of that discussion is attached, at the request of all those present at the meeting. (Attachment 16).

XIV. USE OF SRRT MAILING LIST

Miriam requested clarification on the vote to allow Clearinghouse to use the mailing list to mail all outside organization's requests. Are there any limitations on this, or does Clearinghouse mail everything requested? - This is strictly a matter of Clearinghouse policy; it is not for Action Council to decide. - The only limitation here is within priorities established by Clearinghouse with its budget. - This is a very important point politically, since budget limitations will obviously dictate that some choice be made in determining what groups, out of all those who request it, will actually get their mailings done. - It is also up to Clearinghouse to determine who pays for the mailing (Clearinghouse or the requesting group?); this too could be a politically important decision.

XV. SRRT DUES

1. Who decides the amount of a Round Table's dues? - The \$5.00 fee now on the ALA membership form was an Action Council decision.
2. Should we increase the amount of the donation required for non-ALA members to get on the SRRT mailing list? - Increased to \$3.00 as of Jan. 1, 1972. - It should be emphasized that this does not include voting rights. - This does however include all mailings for which the mailing list is used.
3. Institutional members of ALA, as well as others, now need a minimum donation of \$10.00 to get on SRRT mailing list. - This will be reflected on the next ALA membership form. - It should be emphasized that this does not mean any formal

institutional membership in SRRT; it is simply a donation to get on the SRRT mailing list.

XVI. STAUGHTON LYND RESOLUTION

1. A copy of this resolution to the Radical Caucus of the AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION is attached (Attachment 17).
2. Motion made and passed that this resolution be rewritten to reflect the library profession's situation (a "sense of the profession" resolution) and introduced by SRRT at the Membership Meeting at Midwinter 1972.
3. Tyron will be responsible for rewriting this for presentation (he is already on record at his institution that he will not accept increases in salary so long as staff shortages exist there).
4. Jackie will also send a letter to the AHA Radical Caucus indicating Action Council's action, and our support for their cause.
5. A suggestion was made that in presenting this resolution to Membership we would do better to point out specific ways in which to deal with the problem and then direct these specifics into the proper channels. We would be more likely to get action in this way, since if we just make a resolution full of broad generalities it will just lie there since noone will be responsible for implementing it. - This suggestion (by Gerry Shields) was well taken and the timing for the presentation of the resolution was pushed up to the Annual Conference 1972 to give Tyron more time to work out the details.

XVII. GRANT REQUESTS

Basic idea here is that SRRT apply for the many grants available through ALA (Wilson, J. Morris Jones, ALA Goals, etc.) with the idea of them toward the implementation of SRRT related goals. - Tyron should contact all Task Forces with this idea, so they can apply for grants based on carrying out their activity; this should be done by Midwinter 1972. - Some ideas for possible grants follow:

1. Set up a National Office to meet needs of membership, that is a separate organization since ALA is now continuously countermanding wishes and needs of membership.
2. Anti-FTRF: to set up a fund in and controlled by ALA membership for intellectual freedom.
3. Gerry Shields: aim for the 1973 Conference in Las Vegas, since this is in the Southwest where there are particular needs and difficulties in recruiting Spanish speaking people into the profession: apply for the J. Morris Jones Award to present a special program, utilizing Spanish speaking Americans already in the profession, which would raise the entire profession's consciousness to the particular needs and problems in this area of recruitment. - Action on this should be suggested to the Task Force on Minorities.
4. A grant to study the means of establishing broad based relationships among all professional type organizations with social change goals. - This could take the form of setting up a National Office for Social Change, outside of ALA, to coordinate all social change activities. - The mere publication of the fact that such a proposal was made, even if not granted, which it obviously would not be, could be a good political move in that it might operate to speed up change within ALA. - The timing is also good since ALA is now playing with the idea of separate incorporation for SRRT (see North's recommendations in his Report to Executive Board, Attachment 4). - This whole idea of separate or alternative organization has been around, with varying degrees of emphasis, in SRRT since the beginning. Given this continuous tension, three main

questions arise here: What's going to happen, 1.) if we get kicked out of ALA?, 2.) if we decide to leave ALA?, 3.) we try to take over ALA? - We've been talking around these for along time now; what if anything are we prepared to do with them? - Since we cannot word such a grant request in terms of Alternate Organization, one possible approach would be as follows: Seek to establish within ALA an office, staffed by a SRRT person, but funded by award funds, as an exemplary activity of the kind of Staff relations, etc. SRRT would like to promote. This position could be set in terms of an Ombudsman type role. The person would be elected from SRRT membership, with nomination by petition or volunteering. - The purpose of this grant could be stated as follows: Since we view one of the duties of the Executive Secretary as that of Ombudsman, then the best way to study the feasibility of such a position would be to set up a position in which someone would work for a year in this role, then report back to membership on the effectiveness of this type of activity and their recommendations for its implementation. - Action: this will be the only grant request from Action Council. Jackie and Pat will work on it the the time being.

5. Could also work up a proposal based on a broader based study of the problems pointed up by the Staughton Lynd Resolution (see Item XVI above).
6. The National Endowment for the Humanities is interested in funding a film program involving libraries (a takeoff on Allie Beth Martin's programs at the Tulsa Public Library) according to Gerry Shields. - He suggested that we could develop a whole film package that libraries could book, with distribution through ALA, with postage the only charge, and would include full poster displays, and other materials related to the films. This could emphasize alternative or other experimental films not readily available through regular distributors. - Another possibility would be the development of a film documentary which could be used on Videotape, as well, and put together around excerpts from alternative films. - Possible action by Conn./D.C. SRRT Affiliate Group's Alternative Information Sources Project. - Dick will contact Marie Greco and Don Roberts for possible ideas on this.

XVIII. MIDWINTER PROGRAM

1. Joe Lindenfeld handling the suite arrangements.
2. Jackie pursuing possibility of COSMEP action with the exhibitors.
3. Coordinated action with Cathy Weibel's Chicago Collective. - Idea here would be to invite a number of local social action groups to talk with us about how we could help them. This would not be a full scale program at Midwinter, but would be preliminary to a program for the Annual Conference. - Jim and Ellis will work on coordinating this for June. They should also contact Cathy for information and arrangements with local groups.

THE REMAINDER OF THE MINUTES WERE RECORDED BY TYRON EMERICK. HIS NOTES ARE ATTACHED.

Dick Akeroyd
 Action Council Recording
 Secretary

To: Dick Akeroyd, ALA/SRRT Action Council Recording Secretary

From: Tyron Emerick, ALA/SRRT Action Councillor

Date: November 11, 1971

Subject: Outline of Action Council happening on Nov. 7, 1971 (taken after your departure).

1. 1972 Chicago Conference SRRT Program
 - a) Involve Community groups from Chicago
 - b) Review each group at Mid Winter
 - c) Jim Wright and Ellis Hodges to supervise convention program arrangement and assist Pat Schuman in program planning.
 - d) Community groups are not to limit to ethnic, political, etc. but open to all types.
2. Alternative Slate
 - a) Decided to arrange for forming a coalition slate for ALA Council
 - b) Ten ALA Councillors will nominate the slate.
 - c) Develop a list of candidates that will support a people centered library association.
 - d) SRRT will provide financial assistance to the Coalition for leaflets and ads, etc.
 - e) Possible supporters of the Coalition are: Black Caucus, JMRT, Recruitment of Minorities Committee, Advisory Committee for the Office of the Disadvantaged, etc.
 - f) A Steering Committee will be selected to endorse ALA nomination where acceptable and alternative candidates where needed.
 - g) Recommended to steering committee—Hugh Atkinson, Mel Voight, Bill Eshelman, E. J. Josey, Shirley Olofson, Carolyn Forsman, John Carter, Jim Hawley, Ilsa Moon, Helen Tuttle, Vince Aceto, Brooks Sheldon, Clara Jones, Jim Lesener, Geraldine Clark, Brian Nielson, and Carrie Robinson, I'm not sure this sheet is complete.
 - h) Bernie Tate was recommended as a candidate for Pres-Elect.
 - i) Jackie is to contact Steering Committee members.
 - j) The Steering Committee is to make sure that the candidate they nominate, approve of their nomination in writing.
 - k) Pat Schuman was selected as the SRRT representative to the Steering Committee.
 - 1) She is to contact all the candidates for Councillor nominated by the Nomination committee (A.L.A.) and determine where they stand on issues.
 - 2) She is to assist in selecting the candidates SRRT prefers to endorse.
 - 1) Tyron Emerick volunteered to assist her.
 - m) It was agreed that SRRT meet the cost of mailings.
3. Task Forces
 - a) Tyron Emerick submitted his report and recommendations in writing. (ATTCH 18)
 - b) The request by Charles Townley to disband the American Indian Task Force was approved.
 - c) It was decided that all Task Forces will be allocated a minimum of \$50.00 should they need it.
 - d) Six Task Forces requested more than \$50.00. The request, determination, and requirements are listed below.

- 1) Alternatives in Print were granted \$250.00 as requested, plus an additional \$100.00 was reserved for them if needed.
 - 2) Gay Liberation was allowed \$764.00 as per their request. This included the requirement of expending only \$150.00 per hotel suite and that every effort be made to get members of the Task Force to contribute to the Suite. This decision followed a long discussion in which many different views were expressed, with no common philosophy determined.
 - 3) Government Publication was granted the \$400.00 it requested with the request that SRRT's bulk mailing program be used if possible. Also, that it investigate making use of ALA sources to further its program.
 - 4) Recruitment of Minorities was granted it's requested \$200.00
 - 5) Status of Women were granted \$287.20 as it requested, but it was requested they use SRRT bulk mailing program and seek donations from non-SRRT, non-ALA members on their mailing list. It was also suggested that the printing of their newsletter be as an insert in the SRRT Newsletter with additional copies of that insert mailed to non-members.
 - 6) Underground Press was granted \$300.00, instead of their request for \$250.00. The Coordinator, Joan Marshall, suggested that the costs were going to be higher than she originally thought.
- e) The Requests as budgeted totaled \$2801.20
4. Freedom to Read Foundation Report
 - a) Joan Marshall reported that the Foundation was still going nowhere.
 - b) The LeRoy Mirritt Fund was being left on the membership form in violation of their own Board's policy.
 - c) We decided to call for Council to review the FTR Foundation-possibly called for it's condemnation.
 5. Discussion of Action Council attendance.
 - a) Pat Schuman asked for a review of the attendance situation.
 - b) Attendance.
 - 1) Three were in attendance for the entire Action Council Meeting-they were Jackie Eubanks, Ellis Hodgins, and Tyron Emerick.
 - 2) Three left early or arrived late-they were Dick Akeroyd, Pat Schuman, and Jim Wright.
 - 3) Four did not attend-they were Bob Croneberger, Gay Detlefson, Joe Lindenfeld, and Oliver Kirkpatrick.
 - c) After a lengthy discussion by Action Council and SRRT members present including Liz Futas, Carolyn Forsman, Betty Carol Sellen, and Joan Marshall, Action Council agreed to have the Coordinator write all Action Council members to remind them of their commitment to attend all of the Action Council meetings.
 6. Discussion of Sharing Action Council members expenses to Action Council meeting.
 - a) Action Council reaffirms its policy of adding total expenditures and dividing costs equally.
 - b) Action Council further affirmed that the cost should be shared by all Action Council members whether they attended the meeting or not.

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