

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE: ACTION COUNCIL

Minutes

January 9, 1983

Present: Linda Pierce, Action Council Coordinator
Elizabeth Morrissett - Action Council/Peace Information
Jim Williams Exchange Task Force
Joan Goddard - Action Council
Bonnie Jo Dopp - Action Council/Feminist TF
Stephanie Kreps - Feminist TF
Maureen Doyle Endres - Feminist TF
Pat Case - TF on Alternatives in Print
Jeanne Kocsis - Action Council
John Hostage - Action Council
Doris Kirschbaum - Action Council
Dave Vespa - Action Council
Lee Regan - Action Council/International Human Rights TF
Effie Lee Morris - Action Council/Coretta Scott King Award TF
Barbara J. Pruett - Action Council
Diane Brown
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Endorsed Norman Horrocks for ALA President in 1981 and no one in 1982. Good participation at candidates' forum TF meeting on 1/8; may endorse this time Cosponsoring program with ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship and SRRT PIE TF, with author of What Kinds of Guns Are They Buying with Your Butter? -- Sheila Tobias. 1982 conference program on women and coalition building was well-received and the topic will be repeated at a future conference.
- 6) Alternatives in Print TF: Pat Case
1980 6th edition was followed by two years of low energy. Now planning to work on a guide to alternative reference books and a guide to independent bookstores. Conference program planned on "Project Censor" -- with Carl Jensen re news stories not covered with appropriate depth, etc., by the mass media.

Discussion about candidates for Action Council and for ALA Council and about how to handle the listing of SRRT members running for ALA Council.

SRRT archives were discussed, with thanks to Miriam Crawford for the excellent work she has done over the years in reminding people to send materials. Memo is to be prepared for TF coordinators, etc. After Spring 1983, materials should be sent directly to Maynard Brichford, University Archives, University Library, Room 19, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

Freedom to Read Foundation board meeting report: John Hostage. Attempted AAP/ABA radio and television spots on freedom to read fell through; OIF and PIO to pursue upon request from FTRF. Jean Layton settled out of court and got a letter re not being dismissed, as well as \$50,000 court expenses -- \$18,000 of \$30,000 from FTRF repaid. Criteria being developed and discussed re whether or not the foundation will support particular cases. Texas textbook case underway by Pamela Bonnell; related bill also filed in state legislature -- attempt to get more public input, rather than continuation of strong censorship by small group.

SRRT Presidential Candidates' Forum to be held Sunday night: Barbara Pruett will chair. Each candidate will make a short statement, followed by responses to questions given to candidates before they got to Midwinter Meeting and then audience questions.

ALA Committee on Planning: Linda Pierce. Request for SRRT report on ways we are meeting ALA goals and priorities is on-again/off-again. Basic emphasis of committee is on divisions and ALA committees and the budgeting process for general fund money.

Membership PromotionTF (ALA) and Membership Committee -- discussion of proposal to raise ALA dues. SRRT's brochure is out-of-date. \$550 has been budgeted for a new one, which should be prepared for the JMRT Conference Orientation session.

Discussion about suggestion to raise SRRT dues to \$7 per year -- will be discussed by membership at Los Angeles conference meeting.

Men's Issues TF: Jeanne Kocsis brought the TF's request for SRRT support for grant proposal for a men's information service, with an 800 telephone number staffed by students hired with grant budget. Carl Hays has talked with someone at ALA headquarters, who indicated that ALA might be able to be the fiscal agent. More information needed -- hopefully Carl will attend the Tuesday 1/11 AC meeting.

Discussion of question of whether to endorse an ALA Presidential Candidate -- pros and cons. Both candidates are SRRT members. Feminist TF may endorse (part of SRRT). Discussion of publishing voting records and/or having SRRT newsletter articles for each, by supporters. Decision to be made after the forum has been held.

Anti-KKK Committee: Donnarae MacCann. Will request money for a program in Los Angeles -- travel money for Klanwatch person to speak.

AIP TF requested \$200 additional for travel and housing and honorarium of \$100 (total of \$300 to be spent for LA program).

Discussion of task force activity, continuity, encouragement, etc., concluded the meeting.

Next meeting: Tues. 1/11/83.

Joan Goddard
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