

MINUTES

SRRT Action Council

ALA Midwinter - Denver, Colorado

January 25, 1993

Presiding: Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr., Action Council Coordinator

Attendance: 19

Donnarae MacCann, CRTF; John Ayala, Presidents Cultural Diversity Committee; Bill Delzell, Member; Elizabeth Morrissett, Member; David Williams, ICPLTF; Karen Whittlesey-First, GLTF; Sandy Berman, MN SRRT/AIPTF; Al Kagan, Action Council; Mark Rosenzweig, Action Council; Elaine Harger, LUTF; Roland Hansen, FLTF/SRRT Treasurer; Steve Murden, Action Council; Theresa Tobin, Action Council; Tom Wilding, SRRT Newsletter Editor; Diedre Conkling, Member; Carol Barta, KS SRRT; Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr., PIETF; Debra Gilchrist, Action Council Secretary.

New Business:

1) Taskforce Budgets:

General comments: Our surplus budget is approximately \$34,000.

A supplementary budget request for \$1,900. from the Israeli Censorship and Palestinian Libraries Taskforce was approved.

The 1993-94 Taskforce budgets were approved as follows:

Civil Rights: \$7,000. The entire budget will be used to support the production of a video in conjunction with the Presidents Committee on Cultural Diversity. The video will be aimed at recruiting people of color into librarianship. Support and funding is given with the understanding that SRRT Action Council Members will have an opportunity to review and comment on the script and that all types of diversity are considered in the video, not just racial. Action Council also challenged other divisions, roundtables, and committees to match the funding.

Alternatives in Print:	\$1,500.
Coretta Scott King:	0
Environment:	2,000.
Feminist:	1,500.
Gay/Lesbian:	1,600.
Intl Human Rights	1,800.
Library Union:	500.
Homeless:	150.
Peace:	1,000.

Total: \$18,950.

2) Editorial Board met Saturday and reviewed a draft of the editorial policy. It will come before Action Council at the annual conference.

3) Membership Report:

It was agreed to issue a refund check to the South Africa State Library for their SRRT membership dues. The treasurer was instructed to inform them that we rejected their membership.

Postcards will be sent to all members informing them of SRRT members running for ALA Council. Cost is approximately \$400.

Since we offer free membership to students, there was a 230 member increase in this category. Action Council encourages SRRT members who live near library schools to go and speak to the students about SRRT.

4) ACRL Draft Policy on Social Issues:

Several Action Council members read the draft and were disappointed that it was not stronger. It was suggested that we renew our offer to ACRL to have a public debate on this issue.

5) Affiliate status for Wisconsin SRRT and West Virginia SRRT were approved.

6) Approved 2 resolutions from GODORT:

- 1) That ALA Council approve the addition of one councilor from each roundtable.
- 2) That Roundtables be included in the ALA Self Study.

7) Approved a new taskforce - Intellectual Freedom, with a startup budget of \$50.

8) Israeli Censorship: Heard report on Stillwell's visit to the International Relations Committee and their concerns over SRRT's resolution regarding Israeli censorship and discussed attempts by others to have ALA Council rescind the resolution. Agreed that we will take a wait and see

attitude and be ready to act at annual conference. We will do what we can to be sure the resolution is not considered by ALA Council at midwinter and to ask for follow-up reports as to what concrete actions have been taken.

- 9) Passed a resolution against the Billions of Bucks program.
- 10) Passed a resolution presented by Herb Biblo to have ALA Council appoint a committee study the censorship issues referred to in the January issue of American Libraries and that a member of SRRT Action Council be a member of that committee.
- 11) Agreed to have the June membership meeting focus on membership revitalization and establishing SRRT priorities.

Submitted by Debra Gilchrist
SRRT Secretary