

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE: ACTION COUNCIL

Minutes

January 8, 1983

Present: Linda Pierce - Action Council Coordinator
Doris Kirschbaum - Action Council
Joan Goddard - Action Council
David Cohen - Action Council/Ethnic Materials Exchange TF
Nancy Gruber
Lee Regan - Action Council/International Human Rights TF
Jeanne Kocsis - Action Council
Effie Lee Morris - Action Council/Coretta Scott King Award TF
Mamie Grady
Barbara Ford
John Hostage - Action Council
Donnarae MacCann - Action Council/Tools for C-Raising TF
Elizabeth Morrissett - Action Council/Peace Information Exchange TF

Barbara Pruett - Action Council
Miriam Crawford - Action Council/Library Unions TF
Marjie Joramo
Bonnie Jo Dopp - Action Council/Feminist TF

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3) Miriam Crawford announced the change of coordinators for the Library Unions TF. Julie McCartney was not able to continue as coordinator and Miriam agreed to coordinate until a replacement can be found by June 1983. Miriam announced the TF meeting to be held that night and the fact that there would be discussion about the Carrollton Press firing of their editors at the Berkeley office.

4) Bonnie Jo Dopp reminded the group of the meeting of the ^{Feminist} TF with the two candidates for ALA President.

5) The meeting was adjourned until the next scheduled meeting on January 9, 1983.

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