

Feminist Task Force
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago IL
June 23, 2017, 7:30-9:30 pm
Hyatt Regency McCormick, Clark/CC 22AB

Welcome & Introductions

- Volunteer needed to take notes (Jane Cothron volunteered)

Attending: Tara Brady, Ahliah Bratzler, Diedre Conkling, Jane Cothron, Sherre Harrington (coordinator), Lori Rivas, Sarah Sullivan

- Handouts:
 - Minutes from Midwinter 2017
 - Information about other events at Annual 2017

Reports

- Women in Libraries: Dolores Fidishun, Jane Cothron, Mary Jinglewski
Dolores Fidishun: Still planning to get back to Penn State about getting WIL on their platform; they are interested in working with us
- Women of Library History—Katelyn Browne is willing to continue for 2018
Katelyn Browne: We ran another successful year of Women of Library History (including a post submitted by BCALA as an organization, which is the first post we've received from an ALA affiliate). The Women of Library History Tumblr just passed 3000 Tumblr followers recently.
- Web sites—Katelyn Browne
Discussion/action item: need someone with a working knowledge of HTML, CSS, ftp, etc. to take over the libr.org site
- SRRT Action Council—Diedre Conkling
ALA is changing the number of rooms, programs, meeting spaces for groups; it is unclear as yet how this will affect SRRT/FTF
- Amelia Bloomer Project-- no report / Facebook page very active
- Social media action item from Midwinter
- Wiki—ftfinfo.wikispaces.com

Planning

- ALA Midwinter 2018, Denver, Feb. 9-13
 - hold a Wikipedia editathon ALA Midwinter 2018 (Denver) (Tara Brady has resource page, Ahliah Bratzler interested)
 - Tara to contact Wiki Media for editor/speaker
 - ask ODLOS to host?
 - ask for corporate sponsorship for database access: Gale, JSTOR
 - contact other disenfranchised groups
 - Tara to write description of project to share with COSWL and WGS
 - contact Dr. Kathleen de la Peña McCook
 - write press release (*Cognotes*) and/or American Libraries article
 - ALA Annual 2018, New Orleans, June 21-26
- ALA Annual 2019, Washington, DC: June 20-25, 2019
 - FTF responsible for Women's Groups in ALA program
 - Sherre Harrington to contact Women and Gender Studies about 2018 Annual Women's Groups in ALA program
- ALA Annual 2019, Washington, DC: June 20-25, 2019
- ALA Annual 2020, Chicago, June 23-28, 2020
 - 2020 will be the 50th anniversary of FTF
 - off-site celebration? Contact Women and Children First (bookstore), the Chicago Women's Liberation Union
 - ask for corporate sponsorship
 - write a history of FTF (Sarah Sullivan volunteered to explore Women in Libraries archives for names and events)
- Potential action items from previous meetings
 - --study of maternity leave provided by libraries
 - --updated history of the task force for the 2020 50th anniversary
 - Survey