2019 October - RAINBOW ROUNDTABLE

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 25, 2019, 3:00 pm EST

Present: Megan Drake (Chair); Ana Elisa de Campos Salles (Past-Chair); Ben Gomberg (Treasurer); Casey McCoy-Simmons (Director-at-Large); Walter Daniel Cat Walker (Director-at-Large); Deb Sica (Round Table Councilor); Shira Pilarski (Director-at-Large); Sukrit Goswami (Secretary)

Megan Drake called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Approval of Agenda and minutes: The board approved October agenda and September minutes unanimously without any changes

Councilor Report: Deb Sica reported on SCOE and the progress SCOE have made so far. Deb asked the board if we will be adding our name on the resolution for Ellen’s memorial proclamation. The RRT board agreed to join in the proclamation.

Treasurer Report: Ben Gomberg is hoping to have a report for the board by the end of this year. He is still awaiting ALA office to provide him with numbers on Round Table finances.

GLBT Book Month name change: The board briefly discussed its options on the name change and unanimously reached on the decision to change it to RAINBOW for the sake of consistency. Deb Sica made the motion to change GLBT Book Month to RAINBOW Book Month; Motion passed unanimously. It was also decided to merge all GLBT Book Month pages into Rainbow Round Table pages. Megan will inform Briana Jarnagin on both these decisions.

Archive Ad Hoc Committee Annual 2020 Stipend: Megan informed the board that a request for funding came from the Archive Ad Hoc committee so that the committee members can attend annual conference in 2020. The board discussed multiple options and decided that we can partially fund this request on the condition that the Archive Ad Hoc committee members will run a Kissing booth during RRT jubilee celebration along with assist with exhibit set up and jubilee set up.

Motion: Deb made a motion to approve $1000 for the Archive Ad Hoc Committee with the ask that they will support the kissing booth and assist with the set up for exhibits and jubilee celebration. Ana Elisa seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item: Reduced international memberships
Megan informed the board that SRRT offers a reduced rate for international members. RRT currently only offer the reduced rate to students. Our current member rate is $15 for regular member and $5 for student member. The board agreed to offer $5 reduced rate for international members.

Sukrit made the motion that Rainbow Round Table offer $5 rate for its International Members; Shira seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
Megan will inform the News & Review committee about this decision and will also copy Brent, membership and web committees. It was brought up that IFLA also has a LGBTQ+ group, so we should be sending them this information for their membership.

50th Anniversary Update: Megan reported that the committee met last week, and they are making good progress. They are working on finalizing vendors and DJs at the moment. Ann will have detailed report next month.

The board unanimously decided to reach out to “logo people” at ALA and request to add black and brown stripes to our logo.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sukrit Goswami, RRT Secretary