

**ALA/SRRT Action Council
Minutes of Midwinter Conference 1987**

January 17, 1987, 9:30 - 11 A.M.

Present: John Sheridan, David Searcy, Ellen Greenblatt, Dee Michel, Jim Byrns, Kay Jones, Leslie Kahn, Terry Link, Elizabeth Morrisett, James Danky, Betty-Carol Sellen, Bill Delzell, Jeanne Kocsis, Gail Warner, Susan Vaughn, Noel Peattie, Doris Kirschbaum, John Hostage, Daniel Tsang, Jackie Eubanks, Leon Bay.

The meeting was called to order by Gail Warner.

Announcements: Gail asked those present to distribute flyers announcing the Presidential Candidate's Forum and the San Francisco pre-conference, Librarians as Colleagues: Working Together Across Racial Lines.

The Minutes of the 1986 Annual Conference were distributed.

Susan Vaughn distributed and discussed two budget documents: Final Figures 85/86 and Operating Expenses 1986/87. She announced that the Library Union, Civil Rights, and Feminist Task Force have contributed to the Feminist Pre-Conference.

Noel Peattie reported on the Freedom to Read Foundation. SRRT is not a member and since the cost is \$25, Noel felt it would be beneficial for Action Council to join. The FTRF made some by-law changes which included increasing the number of trustee from 13 - 15. There were reports on cases pending including the controversy over the Acid Rain films, Playboy vs. Meese, Bullfrog Films vs. Wick, and American Council of the Blind vs. Boorstein. An FTRF honor roll award to a non-librarian was proposed. A Task Force will be appointed. Judith Krug will get an evaluation for her role in FTRF although she has no job description for it.

Gail reported that Jean Coleman has left ALA and is pursuing her PhD at Rutgers University. Helen Wright will be acting Director of OLOS until a permanent Director is appointed. In response to a letter from Gail, Thomas Galvin replied that the position will be continued and asked that SRRT help in finding a qualified candidate. When a new Director is selected, SRRT can elect to have that person be our liaison or we can choose another liaison. She read a letter from Miriam Crawford suggesting that SRRT and the OLOS Advisory Committee offer a resolution to Council expressing our appreciation to Jean for her good service to us over the years. Elizabeth Morrisett will attend the OLOS Advisory Meeting to ask them to sponsor a resolution. Gail read a letter from Helen Wright saying that she will help SRRT in any way she can.

A new Task Force on the Homeless was proposed by Jim Byrnes of the Maryland State Department of Education. Their proposal calls for ways to serve the homeless, including referral services, the encouragement of coalitions among libraries, government, and private agencies, and consciousness raising for library users about the the plight of the homeless. The Task Force was given probationary status and a seed budget of \$50.

Betty-Carol Sellen reported on the Pre-Conference, Librarians as Colleagues: Working Together Across Racial Lines which will be held June 24,25,26, 1987 at the University of California at Berkeley. Price - \$145. The planning group includes Asian, Black, Jewish and Native American librarians. There will be workshops and a presentation. Gail Warner supplied the flyer.

Elizabeth asked for volunteers to be in charge of the SRRT Booth in San Francisco. Jim Byrnes and Jim Danky volunteered.

Gail announced that a program slot is available if anyone wishes to use it.

The Civil Rights Task Force was discussed.

Gail will summarize the Presidential Forum for the SRRT Newsletter.

Betty-Carol requested that Action Council endorse a resolution advising members of ALA to boycott TWA because of union busting activities. Action Council voted in favor of such a resolution.

Gail asked for nominations for SRRT Action Council. There are four slots available.

Dee Michel reported on meetings concerning LC subject headings.

The meeting was adjourned.

January 18, 1987, 2 - 4 P.M.

Present: John Sheridan, Noel Peattie, Kay Cassell, Cal Gough, Kay Jones, Corinne Nyquist, James Danky, Betty-Carol Sellen, Elizabeth Morrissett, Gail Warner, Jean Kocsis, Doris Kirschbaum.

The meeting was called to order by Gail Warner.

Announcements:

Gail distributed Pre-Conference materials.

Elizabeth reported on the breakfast meeting re: Jean Coleman, attended by her, Betty-Carol, Susan, Gail, Jean and Doris. Elizabeth drafted a letter to LJ and American Libraries stating SRRT's gratitude for Jean Coleman's past service. Action Council approved it and it will be signed by SRRT Action Council. Betty-Carol and Susan have volunteered to buy a gift for Jean. A gold bracelet was the item agreed upon. Donations will be accepted and Action Council has approved additional funds to be made available so that the total will come to \$300. That will include the price of dinner for Susan, Betty-Carol and Jean for the presentation of the gift.

The available program space from 2 - 4 on Saturday will be used by Peace and International Human Rights Task Forces.

The International Human Rights Task Force will request a table at the Exhibits in San Francisco.

John Sheridan reported on COPES, commended Pat Schuman, and suggested that we continue to monitor it.

SRRT will ask that a SRRT member be on the search committee for the Director of OLOS. Suggestions were made for Chicago people so that ALA will not have to pay transportation costs for interviewing.

Gail requested that Task Force Coordinators submit their budgets.

Gail received a request from Cornelius Moore of the South African Media Center that we distribute information about South African Films which are anti-apartheid. We will put a notice about them in the SRRT Newsletter and if he wishes to pay expenses and be willing to do hook up, we will have a showing at the SRRT Booth in San Francisco. It was suggested that we show films from other organizations also, such as American Friends Society to avoid charges of commercialism.

Kay Jones read the resolution re TWA supporting the Independent Federation of Flight Attendants and SRRT approved it. ALA members will be urged to avoid using TWA to fly to S.F. and that the Travel Agency which makes arrangements will be informed that it is official policy. Cinder Johanson entered, as if on cue, and was given the resolution to take to Council.

Gail read a letter from International Relations Commission asking for our endorsement - no money requested - of South African abridgement of Human Rights. Action Council agreed to co-sponsor an ALA/SF program. No funds were requested

Jeanne Kocsis gave a report on the SRRT Newsletter.

Gail reported that there are 200 SRRT brochures and requested that Action Council make suggestions for changes before they are reprinted. She will mail out copies to AC with the S.F. agenda.

Noel requested that we vote to joint the Freedom to Read Foundation for \$25. Action Council voted to join.

Action Council will not endorse either of the two candidates running for President of ALA this year. We will endorse SRRT Action Council and Task Force members who are running for Council.

Miriam Crawford asked that we write to Nancy Kranich of the ALA ad hoc committee: Coalition on Government Information and ask if SRRT might appoint a liaison to the Committee. Doris will correspond with Nancy emphasizing that we have goals in common.

Kay Jones reported that the Feminist Task Force will have a program at New Orleans on sexual harassment.

The meeting was adjourned.

January 20, 1987, 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Present: Gail Warner, Elizabeth Morrisett, John Hostage, Daniel Tsang, Chris Sokol, Polly Thistlethwaite, Cal Gough, Ellen Greenblatt, John Sheridan, Herb Biblo, Doris Kirschbaum, Betty-Carol Sellen, Susan Vaughn, Linda Ann Dougherty.

Herb Biblo announced that Linda Ann Dougherty, a Council member and Library Union activist will be running for ALA President as a petition candidate.

Dan Tsang introduced Chris Sokol, new AIP Co-Coordinator. The AIP TF supported the National Women's Study Association and the Books for Nicaragua Project.

The minutes of the New York Annual Conference were approved.

Betty-Carol Sellen reminded Action Council that SRRT will have its 20th anniversary at the '89 Midwinter Conference in D.C. and asked if we want to celebrate in some way. She also reported that \$120 had been collected thus far for Jean Coleman.

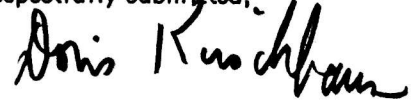
There was a discussion of supplemental budget requests from task forces. Susan tried to clarify the situation noting that the SRRT Budget could not be stretched to include all of the supplemental requests. AIP requested \$500, Gay TF requested \$630, Library Union TF requested \$475 for a total of \$1605. After negotiation, AIP received \$250, GAry TF \$250, and Library Union \$200. The Library Union TF was reminded that they had agreed to commit their 1987 budget to the FTF Pre-conference.

Linda Ann Dougherty, Branch Librarian in Chicago Public Library and petition candidate make a statement about her candidacy. Action Council voted to endorse her.

Gail led a discussion of the worsening situation regarding the expenses incurred by ALA Presidential candidates. She and John Sheridan will work on a resolution to be presented to membership and to Council at the Annual Conference in S.F. raising the question of the spending that has gotten out of hand.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Doris Kirschbaum
SRRT Secretary