

SRRT

SRRT ACTION COUNCIL

AND

SRRT MEMBERSHIP

MINUTES

JUNE 30, 1980

The meeting combined Action Council and membership meetings to take advantage of the three-hour time allotment. Meeting place: South Gallery of the New York Barbizon Plaza. Time: 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.

New members had a considerable number of questions about SRRT, and old members wanted to express gripes, so that the first part of the meeting was devoted to discussing these questions. Paramount concerns were 1) improve communications between Action Council and SRRT membership and 2) need to keep the SRRT membership list properly updated, so that members will receive the SRRT Newsletter on time.

On the agenda was the question of how to expand SRRT's membership. One suggestion was that SRRT take advantage of the free page advertising available to ALA component groups. Another was that a special introductory issue of the SRRT Newsletter be prepared and sent to the entire ALA membership. Another suggestion was that this special Newsletter be sent to the students at all schools of library science and that particular pains be taken to reach student associations. There was also a suggestion that machinery be set up to establish state branches of SRRT, similar to the state branches of IFC.

Brad Chambers proposed that SRRT prepare a letter criticizing an article on the Ku Klux Klan in the May issue of Junior Scholastic magazine. The article attempts to be a "balanced" view of the Klan and results in a grossly distorted

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picture of the Klan. Copies of the article were distributed, and a vote to send a letter of criticism to the publishers, Scholastic Book Services, was unanimous. The content of the letter was discussed and the points to make, approved. Brad, Elizabeth Dworkin and Larry Grece were commissioned to write the letter. A copy of the letter that was sent is attached to these minutes.

Elliot Shore presented a report on the activities of the Alternatives in Print Task Force. New members considered the report extremely useful in showing them how SRRT task forces operate and their potential for accomplishment. Elliot also introduced Harriett Greiser who is to be AIP's new coordinator.

Elliot next introduced Jackie Eubanks. Jackie made a presentation for monies to support a new project, an Alternative Distributors Guide, which is to be incorporated in AIP and also separately issued through the ERIC network. For this project Jackie presented a budget of 1,000 for typing, postage and printing. She pointed out the AIP has not requested funds from SRRT for the past ten years. The budget request was approved.