

ALA/SRRT/Action Council
MINUTES

January 8, 1985 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Present: Doris Kirschbaum, Dave Vespa, Barbara Gittings, Joan Goddard, Richard Buck, Leslie Kahn, Linda Pierce, Jeanne Kocsis, Nancy Gruber, Donnarae MacCann, Noel Peattie, Maureen Doyle Endres, Susan Vaughn, Sean Coleman, Mary Rosenthal, Elizabeth Morrissett, Kay Cassell

Meeting was called to order by Doris Kirschbaum, coordinator, Action Council. In the absence of John Sheridan, Linda Pierce was appointed temporary secretary.

Since the SRRT constitution states that a task force that has not met at two consecutive meetings will be considered defunct, the Men's Issues Task Force will be considered defunct. Doris Kirschbaum, will contact Carl Hays to ask he would like done with the money that was deposited in the SRRT account solely for the use of the task force.

Doris Kirschbaum asked for an official vote on increasing the run of the SRRT Newsletter to 1200 for each issue. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Donnarae McCann gave a report on the status of the book that the Civil Rights Task Force is working on. The Task Force met with Herb Bloom from ALA Publishing. ALA is interested in publishing the book and will be working with the task force. The working title is Essays on Equality and Peoples Issues.

The question was raised about SRRT endorsement of a candidate for ALA president. The Feminist Task Force is endorsing Regina Minudri. After some discussion it was decided that SRRT should endorse a candidate and the decision was made to endorse Regina Minudri. Susan Vaughn and Kay Cassell agreed to write the statement for the SRRT Newsletter giving background and information about Regina.

As in the past the SRRT Newsletter will print a list of SRRT members who are running for Council. John Savage will get a list of members from Jean Coleman so that he can check and make sure that everyone who is a member is included. If groups such as REFORMA, Feminist Task Force, and the Black Caucus send us lists of candidates that they have endorsed, those lists will be printed in the Newsletter also.

Linda Pierce handed out nomination forms that were given to her Margo Crist who is on the Nomination Committee. Encouragement was given to think about nominating people for ALA President or for Council for the 1985/86 term.

Doris then asked that discussion of SRRT long range planning be continued from the last meeting. There had been some questions raised at the last meeting about whether SRRT should be doing any long range planning at all or whether its primary function is to react to events in the association and the world. Discussion then took place on whether SRRT should be a part of the planning process or should just monitor the process of ALA and the other units of ALA. Are there things that SRRT could and should be doing which could be best discussed by a planning committee? Is this the appropriate time to take up ideas which have been proposed but not followed through over the last few years? If SRRT refuses to participate in the planning process, might we find ourselves left out of the whole process and consequently, unable to influence ALA decisions? The decision was made to go ahead with the planning process keeping in mind that we should not have an elaborate plan or spend three years working on something. John Sheridan will be chair of the SRRT Planning Committee and the first meeting will be held in Chicago in July.

Donnarae McCann then brought before Action Council a resolution on apartheid which the Civil Rights Task Force had drafted. Although it was too late to introduce new resolutions to Council, Elizabeth Morrissett had a copy of an earlier resolution on apartheid which was on the Council agenda for Wednesday. Since the wording of Donnarae's resolution is stronger perhaps it would be possible to amend the earlier resolution to include some of the wording of the Civil Rights Task Force's resolution.

Council questioned whether ALA has any investments in companies that were doing business in South Africa. No action was taken. The issue will be brought up again at annual.

Linda Pierce will write a short article for the next issue of the SRRT Newsletter and will give the times of Executive Board and COPES meetings at the annual conference and ask for volunteers to attend the meetings as SRRT observers.

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