The first meeting of Action Council was held in Chicago on July 6, 1985 at 9:30 am.

Present were: Kay Cassell (AC), Joan Goddard, Patrick Grace, Carol Greenholz (AC), Nancy Gruber (AC), Joy Kennedy, Doris Kirschbaum (AC Coordinator), Jeanne Kocsis, Barbara Levinson (AC), Helen Lewis, Elizabeth Morrissett, Noel Peattie (AC), John Sheridan (AC) Karen Thorburn, Daniel Tsang, Susan Vaughn (AC), and Dave Vespo.

Introductions of all present were made.

In the absence of the Secretary, Susan Vaughn volunteered to take minutes.

Minutes of the Midwinter meetings of January 5, 6, and 8 were accepted with the following correction and addition:
- January 6 meeting John Hostage (not Savage) gave the Newsletter report.
- January 6 also included a report of the Freedom to Read Foundation given by Susan Vaughn.

Doris Kirschbaum read a letter from Peter Dorian requesting information about current issues before SRRT. Doris Kirschbaum will reply.

Men's Issues Task Force was discussed. $150 is owed to Carl Hays. Doris will write to him, return receipt requested, about repayment since the Task Force is inactive.

Proposed budget was discussed. It was moved and seconded to accept the budget. Unanimously approved.

It was moved and seconded that we support Ken Nash's resolution on Libraries in Nicaragua. Passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Morrissett volunteered to be the SRRT representative to IFRT.
Noel Peattie volunteered to be the SRRT representative to the Freedom to Read Foundation.

Susan Vaughn gave the Freedom to Read Foundation Report. Most issues dealt with young adult fiction. There were no action items.

Noel Peattie discussed the problems encountered in the California Library Association with the Truth Mission.

Meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

Susan Vaughn
Temporary Secretary
SRRT ACTION COUNCIL
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Tentative Agenda

Saturday, July 6
Palmer House - Montrose Room - 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

1. Results of SRRT Election
2. COGnotes
3. Letter from Peter M. Doiron
4. Budget Report - Nancy Gruber
5. Resolution re: Jose Valasquez Alfonso Flores Children's Library
6. Other resolutions
7. Report from the Coordinator
   letter to Wedgeworth re: ALA Yearbook
   letter to Carl Hays re: Men's Issues Task Force funds
   letter to E.J. Josey re: Executive Director
8. Liaison to IFRT - Elizabeth A. Weakly
9. Other

Americana Congress - Grant Park Room - 11:30 - 12:30
Americana Congress - Lake Shore Room - 2:00 - 4:00

Tuesday, July 9
Palmer House - Burnham Room 1 - 11:30 - 12:30

1. Election of new Action Council Officers
2. Report from SRRT Newsletter editor - John Hostage
3. Resolution re: HM Customs and Excise - Barbara Gittings
4. Report from Round Table Chairs - L. Pierce
5. Report from Freedom to Read Foundation - Susan Vaughn
6. Discussion of Presidential Debate - 1986
7. Long Range Planning - John Sheridan
8. New York Program - Betty-Carol Sellen
9. Other
Whereas, the Jose Velasquez Alfonso Flores Children's Library, established in 1982, is the first children's library in Nicaraguan history and since that time children's library services have been established in 9 of the 43 public libraries in that country,

And Whereas the Union and Staff Organization Roundtable of the New York Library Association passed a resolution encouraging library unions and staff organizations to aid the development of Nicaraguan libraries and foster communication between Nicaraguan and U.S. libraries,

And Whereas, the New York Public Library Guild, Local 1930, DC 37 AFSCME has "twinned" with the Jose Velasquez Alfonso Children's Library and has, as a first step in that process, raised over $4,000 through a trade union benefit held on May 10, 1985 for that library,

And Whereas it is appropriate that U.S. library unions and staff organizations find ways to aid library workers in Nicaragua in their efforts to educate working people in that country,

Be it therefore resolved that THE Social Responsibilities Round Table endorses the continuing efforts of the New York Public Library Guild in pairing with the Jose Velasquez Alfonso Flores Children's Library and encourages other library organizations to do likewise and find appropriate ways of their own to further communication with Nicaraguan libraries and aid their development.