

Rainbow Round Table Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 3, 2021, 3:00 pm EST

Present: Kathleen Breitenbach, Chair; Rae Anne Montague, Past Chair; Lea Wentworth, Director-at-Large; Nicholas Cline, Director-at-Large; Deb Sica, Round Table Councilor; Anne L. Moore, Secretary.

1. Call to Order: at 3:05

2. Approval of Agenda for this meeting & October Board Minutes: Approved

3. Treasurer's Report – no update on our finances. LaJuan checked in briefly but was not staying for the meeting.

4. RRT Councilor Report : ALA Executive Director Hall is holding 'Tune in Tuesdays'. Anyone is invited. Encouraging folks to go! The last session included an incredible PowerPoint presentation. Monica will ask about getting access to the full PowerPoint for us.

5. ALA Executive Board Update

Karen has posted a report on Connect. Highlights and high interest items – unprecedented number of censorship challenges (mostly to LGBTQ books) and membership pilot. ALA needs to increase membership. Karen will post membership numbers.

6. RRT's Support for School Librarians in the Wave of IF Challenges

Deb and Kat had a meeting with some school librarians regarding censorship challenges targeting school libraries. Resolution is in the works. ALA has talked to the divisions, who signed onto the resolution, but the round tables were not asked to sign on.

7. Fundraising Committee Ideas - Tabled to the next meeting.

8. Division-Round Table Pilot Recruitment Programs

Christina Coleman (ALA Membership) and Monica Chapman (ALA-ODLOS) Membership Office piloting a program to connect round tables with a division. RRT is a great fit with YALSA. Membership will send YALSA members, who are

not RRT members a message and vice-versa. If this campaign is successful, it will be expanded with more pairings arranged. Discussion ensued regarding the features to highlight about the RRT. Advantages – RRT award and list resources, resources and information to support vulnerable patrons.

9. Announcements/Other Business/Adjournment

Kathleen reminded us there is still time for nominations for opening positions (chair-elect, secretary, directors-at-large). Appointments to book committees to be announced soon.

Presidential candidates will be invited to our January board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Next meeting Jan 28 at 3:00 ET