SRRT Action Council Meeting  
Friday, January 23, 1970

This is being dictated from David Weil's notes kept at this meeting.

Meeting was opened at 2:10 by DeJohn. Action Council members present were DeJohn, Boyer, Schuman, Sellen, Streamer. Several visitors were present.

Discussion of proposed bylaws changed, previously sent to all Action Council members. Jackie Eubanks gave background on her thinking for the changes. Bylaws will have to be officially adapted at the business meeting in Detroit. Jackie Eubanks continues as bylaws committee chairman and added a few new people to the committee.

The Action Council received forty-seven letters from the ALA Council nominees. Discussion was held on what to do with the letters. ALA Council this week has passed a resolution requiring a statement of professional concern. The Executive Board of ALA will introduce this proposal this year so that the May election will be based on a statement of professional concerns. Our purpose has been achieved. DeJohn proposed to give to the Library Journal, Wilson Library Bulletin, American Libraries copies of the statements, hoping that they can be published in some way. It is doubtful due to the bulk that they will appear in print. There is an impression in the Association that SRRT supports the alternative slate. Sellen suggested that people who responded might be offended by alternative slate with no publication of letters. Several suggestions were made for distributions on request. Decided to send copies of the set of letters to Weisenberg, Sellen, DeJohn. DeJohn to take care of notifying the press of availability. Will write to each nominee explaining SRRT action. No group will claim endorsement of alternative slate. This slate was issued by "concern librarians".

Discussion was held on the election of SRRT officers. A petition had been received to the effect that all SRRT nominees be required to answer the letter sent to ALA Council nominees. This would develop the same bulk that causes a problem with the ALA Council nominees letters. A suggestion was made by a non-Action Council member, Gay Detlefsen that the people running for SRRT positions react to the social responsibilities statement in the Dix report. This was agreed upon by the Action Council. Bill Streamer moved and Boyer seconded the membership be informed that the petition was considered and that the Action Council decided to limit the statements and reactions to the social responsibilities statement in the Dix report. This motion passed. A statement is required by the bylaws. Ballots and the statement to be sent out after SRRT membership list received after March 31. A two hundred fifty word letter would be asked for.
Joseph Lindenfeld reported from the subcommittee on roundtables. Margaret Turanski, Action Council member, will serve on the ALA Membership Committee. SRRT's income as of December 31, 1969 was $1,419.00. This is in ALA's treasury and is SRRT's money from memberships. Mr. Gaertner of ALA advised SRRT to prepare a budget, though this is not required it is recommended that all roundtables prepare budgets. It was discussed that SRRT have a booth at Detroit. The decision was not to try for a booth this year. A report was submitted to the Action Council which contained a financial statement as of November 31 with additions for December 31 of the money available at ALA for SRRT.

Discussion was held on the organization of the Action Council. Description of duties in various areas were discussed.

1. Recording secretary. SRRT's Action Council has Marjorie as recording secretary.

2. Coordinator of Task Forces. Bill Streamer.

3. Affiliate Groups. Betty-Carol Sellen will handle these groups.

4. Program Liaison. Pat Schuman volunteered to act as liaison with the programming committee for Detroit.

5. Treasurer. The Coordinator has been acting as treasurer up to now, Jackie Eubanks suggested that separate treasurer be appointed on the basis on year around activity of SRRT unlike other roundtables. Sellen mentioned that we have to officially request permission to audit books. Ruth Ann Boyer volunteered and was approved as acting treasurer. Eubanks stated that she would change the bylaws. It was suggested that the treasurer would request monies to be expended money from the treasury would be evaluated in Detroit and see how it works.

Guidelines for Action Council were discussed and Schuman and Sellen volunteered to write some guidelines. Sellen and Boyer volunteered to write guidelines for Task Forces. A draft was considered. A sentence was added at the end of page 5 to the effect that "anyone on Task Force who does not answer requests for work or other responses may be dropped from the Task Force by the Coordinator."

DeJohn recommended that Action Council member be assigned to monitor all Executive work meetings and other open meetings. Lindenfeld recommended that all this information be written in the Newsletter.

The question of who is to receive the Newsletter and how much to charge non-members of SRRT was discussed. Sellen moved and Schuman seconded that non-members who wish to receive the Newsletter be asked to donate annual cost of the Newsletter, which would be printing and postage.
Fay Blake discussed preconference at Detroit "institution on human understanding" and ask for $100.

Sellen said that a hospitality suite would be open twenty-four hours a day for hospitality from SRRT. Requested $60 for renting the rooms and $40 for seed money for refreshments.

General membership SRRT: membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. June 30.

Program will be Wednesday night July 1st.

There is a program with LED and JMRT plus SRRT on preservice inservice and continue in education. Ruth Ann Boyer has been working with this program.

Request from JMRT to hold open hearings on questions of staff expectations on first jobs. The discussion would revolve around what they thought their first job was going to be and what actually happened. Sentiment of Action Council was against co-sponsorship. Lindenfeld suggested attending JMRT orientation. DeJohn recommended strongly that SRRT members pay particular attention to students in Detroit--rapping, rushing, get them in SRRT.

Letter drafted to Exhibits Roundtable to ask for liaison from Exhibits Roundtable to SRRT. May also send to other ALA bodies.

Barbara Wagner proposed a task force on the environmental pollution, especially to coordinate April 22. Barbara has gone ahead and set this task force up.

Joan Goddard expressed concern about Gordon McShean and the ISRRT program. DeJohn answered that he had talked to Gordon and was going to give him a call in a week or so to find out what the situation was and what could be done.