

May 11, 1965

The first meeting of a group interested in organizing a Mattachine type movement in Chicago was held at 8 P.M. on May 11th.

Don hosted the group of approximately 17 at his apartment. He opened the meeting by reading an encouraging letter from Julian Hodges of the Mattachine Society of New York.

Bob introduced himself and agreed to act as temporary chairman. Roland was appointed temporary secretary.

Craig Rodwell reviewed the organized homophile movement in general and the Mattachine Society of New York in particular. He outlined the ways in which Mattachine of New York might be of help to a Chicago group.

Bob called for a discussion of the local needs which a Mattachine type group might fulfill. These included such diverse areas as public relations, education, civil rights, psychiatric referral, employment service, legal aid and referral, medical referral, and religious referral.

The chairman then requested a discussion of the action which might be taken to implement these needs. The value of specialization in only a few areas was discussed.

The chairman appointed an Organizational Frame Work committee to draft a proposed constitution. Don was asked to chair this committee. The members were Joanne, Ira, Roland, Hank, and Bob.

Boris was asked to serve as temporary treasurer.

The need/^{was expressed}for a Right To Read committee to encourage wider distribution of literature helpful to the homophile movement and to work for the defense of book sellers who are in legal difficulties because of their support of right to read principles. Valerie and Terry volunteered to serve on this committee.

The desirability of a health education program was reviewed. A committee was appointed to investigate a possible liaison program with public health officials and an internal health education program.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 25th, at 8 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned.

Roland Keith

Temporary Secretary