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**SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**November 19, 2009**  
**4:00 P.M. Library Conference Room**

**Present:** Dr. Sue Fraser, Ann Sackett, Marci Jacobs, Marion Ballard, Jordana Weiss, Dr. David Hubbell, Kristina Thyrrre, Debbie Factor, Marlene Mock, Betty Jean Miller, Najwa Hahn, and Louise Weaver. Ex-officio: Carol Hixson and Jean Ferguson.

**Call to Order**

Carol handed out calendars created by Special Collections Librarian Jim Schnur with historic Tampa Bay images, and Marion commented on how fortunate the Library was to have received that particular donation of photos from the Strand Camera Shop.

**President's Report – Marion Ballard**

**Treasurer's Report – Louise Weaver**

Louise hadn't yet arrived, so Marion briefly discussed SAPL's financial statements and the ending balance of approximately \$9,800.

**Library Dean's Report**

Carol began her report by telling the Board about the \$1,000 donation for a lifetime SAPL membership received the day before. She indicated that the Fall Newsletter, currently at the printers, would be coming out soon. She talked about the challenging budget times, with a 31% cut to the university budget. One of the librarians, Marcy Carrel, left to take a Peace Corps position in Washington, D.C., but the Library got an exception to the hiring freeze to fill the position. Four current library positions are being paid out of federal stimulus funds and could end when the funding does, so the new position and any future positions will be advertised as temporary in order to remove the current positions from stimulus funding. Carol explained that the whole campus was heavily engaged in the SACS accreditation, as it had recently been taken off probation. She discussed our involvement in cost allocations with Tampa regarding electronic resources and the dispute between Tampa and the administrators of St. Petersburg. Marion and several others offered to give support from SAPL by writing letters, which a stunned Carol gratefully accepted. She talked about the many meetings she had attended, from all the library staff to the Faculty Senate Library Committee to Student Government, whose leaders are paying for extended library hours during exam week and want to place donated textbooks on reserve next semester. She had also met with others outside of campus such as Library Dean Garrison of USF Tampa, Marion and other SAPL members, and various community groups. She wants to make sure the Library is included in all campus orientation programs, and [- staff are she's](#) trying to line up monthly speakers for the Library. Dr. Lachlan Whalen spoke in September about "Contemporary Irish Prison Writing: Writing and Resistance," and Dr. Sheramy Bundrick spoke in October about her new novel, "Sunflowers: A Novel of Vincent Van Gogh." The kickoff to the USF Unstoppable campaign began with a luncheon in the Library's atrium. Carol showed SAPL the new Poynter Library coffee mugs and gave the board members

each a handout and library brochure demonstrating how the Library is trying to become visible and very active in fundraising. Because of a shortage of librarians, the Library is cutting back on reference desk hours, and if someone is out sick, the Library will put up a sign. The librarians are trying to provide more services without face-to-face contact, e.g., distance learning, a kiosk with computer for questions, self-checkout at circulation, and the possibility of combining the circulation and reference desks as one service point. We're looking into external funding to assist the increasing number of students with learning or physical disabilities and also veterans. In addition, we'd like to develop a digital archive, a place to capture the research of faculty and students. Carol will host a holiday party for all SAPL members, asking that they RSVP and each bring a non-SAPL member.

### **Approval of Library Expenditures for 2009/10**

Marion asked for proposals for spending the SAPL funds, and Carol distributed her proposal. She suggested support for disabled students through the purchase of assistive technologies equipment. The sophisticated equipment would cost around \$7,000 and drain the SAPL budget, but after some discussion, the Board voted to approve the proposal. They declined a plaque to acknowledge their donation. Betty Jean suggested sending a letter to the SAPL members asking for more assistance, and the Board approved.

### **Proposed Bylaw Amendments**

Article V of the bylaws establishes the SAPL Officers. The proposed amendment would add an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer named by the Dean of the Library to assist the Board. The Board approved the amendment unanimously, recognizing Jean Ferguson and Zeynep Tufekci for their secretarial and bookkeeping services to SAPL.

### **Fiction Contest: As It Is or A New Look?**

Carol informed the Board that the fiction contest would have to be moved to no later than February because of the difficulty of getting the awards processed in time, so they decided not to have the contest this year and to discuss it again at the Spring meeting.

### **Planning for Spring 2010 Annual Meeting**

The Board voted for the SAPL Annual Meeting to take place over Spring Break, the week of March 8-13. Carol has talked to Sheramy Bundrick about being the speaker and the Board liked the idea, ~~but she may not be available that week. So Carol was going to ask the librarians for their suggestions, considering perhaps Bill Maxwell or another faculty member who hadn't spoken to SAPL recently.~~

### **New/Old Business**

Dr. Hubbell proposed an event or exhibit to commemorate the centennial of Mark Twain's death (1910-2010) and to showcase the Library's collection. The Board supported the idea, so Carol was going to ask the librarians for assistance.

The Board meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.