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Society for the Advancement of Poynter Library

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, March 12, 2010

Present were Betty Jean Miller, Dr. Sue Fraser, Ann Sackett, Marci Jacobs David Shedden, Jordana Weiss, Marlene Mock, Najwa Hahn, Marion Ballard and Louise Weaver. Dean Hixson was also in attendance.

President Marion Ballard called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM

Marci Jacobs moved that the minutes of the November 19, 2009 be approved as printed. The motion seconded and passed.

Louise Weaver presented the Treasurer's Report. The question was raised about the Literature program in which SAPL pays for books acquired by the Library that cannot be funded in any other way. Marion Ballard explained that this program was of many years standing and was meant to fill a need for recreational reading. Dean Hixson provided the Board with a list of titles that had been ordered so far. *(Louise...please add here)*

Marion Ballard noted that various components of the Assistive Technologies project had been funded. Dean Hixson handed out information about the project. She asked for an up or down vote of the Board on whether to continue this project as funds become available. The Board voted to continue the Assistive Technologies project.

Betty Jean Miller presented her report on the Fiction Contest. She and past Board Member Neila Eliason met with: Dean Carol Hixson; Jerry Notaro, a librarian with past experience with the contest; USFSP English professor Tom Hallock; and two USFSP students. Prior to the meeting, Betty Jean had consulted judges of past fiction contests: Collette Bancroft, the St. Petersburg *Times* book reviewer, and Eckerd College professor and poet Peter Meinke. The past judges both felt the fiction contest is a very worthwhile endeavor. A number of suggestions were made: divide the contest into poetry and fiction with prizes for each; have an initial sendoff event to engender enthusiasm; have winning authors read their entries at an awards gathering; have a committee of board members, faculty members and interested parties read entries to choose the best before submitting them to a paid judge to select the winners; select a key person from the Board each year to chair the event; begin publicity for the contest as soon as classes begin in the Fall, with a deadline in January and finalization of the contest in March; publish entries in a campus literary magazine. Dean Hixson was supportive of the project, as long as SAPL members could be recruited to undertake the work and that it could be done early enough in the fiscal year to enable the awarding of the prize money to be completed in time to meet Foundation requirements.

Additionally, Dean Hixson provided the Board with a proposal from two students from the English honors society requesting funding for a book of poetry to pay homage to the new Sembler Family Fountain for a total of \$517.67. A discussion followed about the purpose of SAPL and what projects met this purpose. Ann Sackett moved to continue the Fiction Contest contingent upon finding a chairman. The motion seconded and passed. Betty Jean Miller moved to support the proposed Poetry Book . This motion was seconded and failed.

Dean Hixson reported on the hiring of a new Reference Librarian which should alleviate some of the demands on other librarians having to serve part of that function. She also reported briefly on the budgetary challenges that the Library is facing.

The meeting was adjourned at 3: 55PM.