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SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 17, 2005
4:00 P.M. Kathy Arsenault's Home

Present: Betty Jean Miller, David Hubbell, Robin Caldwell, Najwa Hahn, Sue Fraser, Kristina Thyrré. Ex-officio: Kathy Arsenault, Barbara Reynolds.

Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President David Hubbell. Dean Arsenault again offered to host the meeting at her house so that the SAPL board would not have to deal with the parking situation at the campus.

There were no additions/subtractions or changes to the minutes.

President's Report: David Hubbell

The president had a very nice summer in North Carolina.

Treasurer's Report:

We didn't have our treasurer, but did have a report. SAPL has \$12,318 in the foundation account and \$3,537 in the auxiliary account. We had ended up with an additional \$1,000 that was a matching gift from Ernst & Young. We should be able to clean out the auxiliary account since we are no longer doing the book sale and no longer have to worry about paying sales tax. (NOTE; SHOULD READ "OVERHEAD FEE.")

Library Dean's Report: Kathy Arsenault

- The Festival of Reading (October 29th) went very well. All were happy.
- The library hosted Final Friday on September 30th to help kick off the 40th Anniversary Celebration.
- There are almost enough books to send off to Better World Books. SAPL is still looking for book donations--so spread the word. Books need to be barcoded, and hard cover or quality soft cover books.
- The library has been very busy and the computers are booked throughout the day.
- The bookplate program is alive and well. Town & Gown purchased a bookplate in honor of Margo Fischer.
- Bethia Caffery has resigned from the board. Sends her best wishes to everyone.
- Mark Spano from the Palladium has contacted SAPL. Would like SAPL to partner with the Palladium to bring speakers into St. Petersburg. David Hubbell will call him to get more information.

Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting will be on April 28th. Our guest speaker will be Gary Mormino.

Fiction Contest:

We discussed the possibility of limiting the entrants to the Bayboro campus or St. Petersburg College. However, the challenge is that creative writing is not championed at this campus--instead the emphasis is on technical writing.

Another idea is to promote the fiction contest at local high schools. It would be necessary to have some sort of prejudging at the individual high schools so that only a few entries come from each school.

The fiction contest has been running for 23 years. Need to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

SAPL Book Club:

The idea is to market the concept of the book club to other local book clubs to tie them into the university and into SAPL. Both fiction and non-fiction would be considered and the book would be put into perspective by someone (preferably faculty) from the point of view of history, literature, or current events. We could ask the faculty for book suggestions.

Possible names/titles for the club: "Book Discussion Led by Experts," "Ask the Experts," etc.

Need other methods of marketing. Need to put a notice into the newsletter asking for feedback from the readers.

Newsletter:

The newsletter is in progress. Jim Schnur will write about his Bayboro tour. Jerry will write of hidden treasures in the A/V collection. Karilyn Jaap will write an article on graphic novels. And David Hubbell will write his President's Column.

Also would like to add a notice about the SAPL Book Club. Ask the readers for feedback on what they would like to see in the book club. Give an e-mail address for reader response.

Next meeting is January 19th. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.