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**Minutes of The Society for Advancement of Poynter Library
Board of Directors Meeting
January 18, 2001**

Present: Theodora "Teddie" Aggeles, Marion Ballard, Oscar Blasingame, Penny Burns, Barbara Donegan, Niela Eliason, Elizabeth Haslam, Marci Jacobs, Imogene McCorkle, Betty Jean Miller, Margaret Tappan.

Ex-officio: Kathy Arsenault, Barbara Reynolds

President Margaret Tappan called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

A correction to the minutes regarding the fiction contest by Niela Eliason indicated the honorable mention winner was from the Bayboro campus and not Lakeland, with the number of past entries 45-50 rather than 45-80. Marion Ballard moved to accept minutes as corrected, seconded by Teddie Aggeles.

President's Report Newsletter due to go to the printer's January 17 and will include a box announcement about the Book Fair. A letter from USF Alumni Chapter was received announcing a meeting Tuesday January 23, 4-6 pm, discussing the separation of campuses, if anyone has interest in attending.

Treasurer's Report Presented by Barbara Reynolds

SAPL Balance \$11,193

Auxiliary \$3,552

Foundation \$7,641

These balances reflect a recently received annual donation by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Barnes and a Life Membership by Jane and Van Saylor for \$1,000. No response has been received by Orange Blossom concerning our bill for catering our April social event.

Library Director's Report Kathy Arsenault expressed thanks for the SAPL donation of \$500 for a printer – the laser was determined to be too expensive so she purchased a DeskJet instead. Systems person Berrie Watson started January 5, 2001. Campus enrollment is up 15% so USF is now eligible for enhancement money along with other designated monies. Kathy hopes for a Special Collections Librarian in 01/02. Commissioner of Education Charlie Crist and his assistant, Jay Burmer, are currently using two group study rooms on the second floor as offices. USF is working with Shorecrest School to provide library privileges for their AP students. Kathy has ordered 20 books to be purchased for \$420, as part of the SAPL Literary Project.

Campus Events:

Library Reception for Black History Collections, February 25, 3 – 5 pm.

Spring Lecture Series sponsored by Cole Ethics Endowment on ethical issues in Florida

January 29, Steve Persall, Eric Deggans, Margo Hammond "Florida Image in Popular Culture"

February 19, 6 pm Beverly Coyle and Bill Maxwell "Parallel Lives" talk.

March 5, Ann Henderson "Making Florida Home"

Also: January 24, 7:30 pm Alan Isaacman, African Historian "Proof of History"

Kathy said that will be a mail out of the above, plus additional lectures coming up.

Library Director still undecided. Elizabeth Haslam made a motion to contact V.P. Bill Heller with a request for information on the status of the progress of choosing the director. Teddie Aggeles seconded and the motion was passed. Oscar Blasingame agreed to speak to Bill Heller.

Fiction Contest Changes were made to extend time to spring semester and will include definition of "Short Story" form with three examples on the posters and flyers. Two responses were received from the letters Niela sent out in December requesting feedback and support from the English departments. Both letters were supportive. Suggestions were made to include the 30-50 people who participate as "Life Long Learners" and to include non-fiction and/or personal essay, perhaps alternating short story with personal essays. A motion was requested concerning "Life Long Learners". Betty Jean Miller moved we include them, seconded by Marion Ballard. After discussion, it was decided to remain a Fiction Contest. The judge for the next contest will be Susan Sutliff Brown, PhD.

Book Fair The book fair will be held on the same day as Marine Quest this year on March 10. The book storage/work area has been moved from the Acquisitions room to the Storage room in the opposite corner of the library. Marion requested volunteers and passed out a sign up sheet. She said that nice books are coming in – a beautiful collection of music books among them. Betty Jean Miller is working on publicity. Suggested sending out information to retirement homes, hotels, Chamber of Commerce, classified ads in the St. Petersburg Times. Perhaps an article in "Book Talk" stressing the fact that we are selling quality books, categorized for easy browsing – not a "garage sale". She asked for any suggestions. Will put up Book Fair banners as usual.

Old Business As requested at our last meeting, Oscar Blasingame reported on our insurance policy and said it appeared to be satisfactory and is needed for liability purposes.

New Business Annual meeting will be in April/May. A motion was made by Oscar Blasingame to ask Dean Heller to speak. Seconded by Elizabeth Haslam. Letter will be sent to see if he is available. Discussion followed on whether we should have a lunch or reception/meeting as last year and April or May as possible dates. Marci Jacobs will chair the nominating committee, and she will also review board members as to those who are willing to continue to serve.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Next Meeting will be 4:00 PM, Thursday, March 15th, 2001.

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