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Minutes of The Society for Advancement of Poynter Library
Board of Directors Meeting
March 23, 2000

Present: Theodora Aggeles, Marion Ballard, Barbara Donegan, Niela Eliason, Jim Gillespie, Rita Gould, Elizabeth Haslam, Marci Jacobs, Imogene McCorkle, Margaret Tappan, Joyce Van Horn. Ex Officio: Kathy Arsenault, Barbara Reynolds.

At 4:03 p.m., President Theodora Aggeles called the meeting to order. The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

President's Report: USF's presidential search has concluded with the selection of Judy Genshaft. Teddie reported on being present when some of the other USF presidential candidates visited the St. Pete campus. Each finalist attended a dinner to which community members as well as university personnel were invited; the dinner was held in the Library's Conference Room. On the subject of increasing SAPL membership, Teddie said Penny Burns has expressed an interest in being part of a membership committee. A current membership list was distributed to the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Marci Jacobs reported the current balance as \$8,457.16, which is a total of the two accounts where SAPL's funds are kept. An explanation of the setup of these accounts followed as well as a discussion concerning the possibility of alternative arrangements.

Library Director's Report: Kathy Arsenault announced that SAPL and the Library are co-sponsoring the April 17 presentation of the Ethics Lecture Series, a 3-person panel discussion on "Ethics and the Internet." The three panelists are Larry Miller, Florida International; Charles Harmon, ALA expert on intellectual freedom; and Joe Stines, Tampa Hillsborough Public Library. The subject of the Ethics Luncheon at noon on that day will be plagiarism.

The Library's staff is now almost full. A search has begun for Electronic Information Librarian, with a March 31 deadline.

The Provost has not as yet responded to our request for a Library Director search. He did, however, say to Dean Heller that in about two weeks he would announce his "grand plan for all libraries" -- something, in his words, "you all can live with."

At the recent Faculty/Staff Awards Luncheon, staff member Susan Sherwood won the Excellence in Service award.

In a recent survey, the Library received good reviews from the 500 J.C. students we've been serving.

Newsletter: Margaret Tappan announced that she has taken copies of the Fiction Contest newsletter to several community locations. She made the suggestion to publish three newsletters annually instead of two, in order to

announce and highlight events such as the Book Fair and the reception, just as the latest issue draws attention to the Fiction Contest. Possible edition times would be late summer, late fall, and spring.

Fiction Contest: Niela Eliason expressed appreciation for the prompt publication of the Fiction Contest newsletter and the timely appearance of the winning stories on the SAPL website, which can be accessed through the Library's home page of <http://www.nelson.usf.edu>.

Book Fair: Marion Ballard passed around a signup list for day of the Fair, which is Saturday, April 15. Setup of DAV 130, which will be taking place over the preceding Thursday and Friday, is a bit more complicated than usual because of a double booking for the room on Friday. Town and Gown's informal luncheon at noon that day will be surrounded by tables of books; it has been retitled "Lunch among Literature."

Marion will be accepting donations of books until April 7, and she is still in need of people to assist.

Activities: The celebration of the Briggs Collection, with guest speaker Greg Tolley, will take place on Friday, April 28. Teddie Aggeles has assumed chair of the reception committee and has been making arrangements with Orange Blossom and florists. The food will be delivered, but there will be no expensive food or beverage service requested. A draft invitation (made by Library staff) was distributed, and suggestions for a new title were requested. The Library will arrange for chair rental. Kathy Arsenault engaged the speaker and has written to Dr. Briggs. For today's meeting, she prepared a preview of a few of the books that will be on display at the reception.

Thanks to Joyce Van Horn for her donation of the grand painting which now hangs in the Library's administration area, just outside the Conference Room. Joyce gave a brief presentation on its creator, Belgian artist Fernand Toussaint, whose museum quality paintings were often, as is this one, of famous 20th century people in attires of earlier times.

Nominating Committee: Sally Poynter, unable to be present, sent along a report in regard to suggestions for new officers and continuing Board members. A slate of officers will be made available to all Board members prior to the April meeting preceding the Reception.

The Board expressed appreciation to Teddie Aggeles for her contributions as president for the past two years.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

The Nominating Committee of
The Society for Advancement of Poynter Library
offers this list of Officers for 2000/2001

President.....Margaret Tappan

Vice-President.....Marion Ballard

Secretary.....Marlene Mock

Treasurer.....Sally Poynter

Historian.....Theodora Aggeles

to be voted on after nominations taken from the floor at the
Annual General Membership Meeting, 5:30-6:00 pm, on
Friday, April 28, 2000
Conference Room, 3rd floor, Poynter Library

(prior to the SAPL reception, “The Art of the Fish”)