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SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 20, 2008
4:00 P.M. Library Conference Room

Present: David Hubbell, Ann Sackett, Sue Fraser, Marci Jacobs. Ex-officio: Kathy Arsenault, Jean Ferguson.

President's Report: David Hubbell

Dr. Hubbell recalled the last meeting's discussion about trying to get more SAPL members, and he reported that he had made several contacts as well as sending brochures to a book club connected with the Yacht Club. Ann said that Marion had made an announcement at Town and Gown and also passed out brochures. Sue commented on parking being a major obstacle to joining SAPL, with Kathy reminding everyone that the Davis parking lot would be going in May due to the construction of a new science building. However, she said the parking garage could be used with a tag.

Treasurer's Report: Marion Ballard

Marion wasn't present, so Jean pointed out that everyone had a copy of the treasurer's report in their meeting packets. No one had any questions.

Library Dean's Report: Kathy Arsenault

Kathy reported that the state university budget is in dire straits. She announced a film event to be held in the library next Monday, a documentary called "Easy Street" about the homeless. She said the library would be the location for a science fiction film produced by Film Ranch. She noted that the dean of the USF library system would be visiting tomorrow. Also, the library will once again host the Florida Craftsmen Family Services art exhibit and reception, with art created by survivors of sexual abuse. Kathy confirmed that the library continues to accept book donations but that dealing with Better World Books is not worth it, so the library will switch to a St. Petersburg book dealer with whom Jerry Notaro has made a connection. Finally, Kathy passed around to David and the others a fire chief's hat from the Maritime Station during World War II.

Fiction Contest

Kathy noted that the fiction contest had received 16 entries, and that she would deliver the stories tomorrow to Peter Meinke, the fiction contest judge. The winners will be honored during Honors Week (April 14) and invited to the SAPL annual meeting.

Annual Meeting

Peter Betzer will be the guest speaker at the SAPL annual meeting on Friday, April 25, held on the library terrace from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Kathy asked for suggestions on caterers, and Dr. Hubbell offered to work on it while several others gave some possible names.

Election of New Officers

Kathy indicated that the election of new officers would be part of the annual meeting. Several asked questions about the current officers, and it was learned that Robin Caldwell, the Vice-President, had moved to Vermont, while Kristina Thyre, the Secretary, thought her term had ended.

The group continued to talk about ways to drum up new membership in SAPL. Sue said she would email her women's book club, while David suggested publicizing Peter Betzer's talk at the annual meeting. Sue also proposed drafting a SAPL mission statement. David thought Jim Schnur might be able to give SAPL members a tour of Special Collections. Ann offered to invite Peter Meinke to the annual meeting. Marci thought the donation amount looked larger, and Kathy confirmed it, adding that Hazel Hough had donated \$1,000.

The meeting adjourned just before 5:00.