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SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 15, 2007
4:00 P.M. Library Conference Room

Present: David Hubbell, Marion Ballard, Ann Sackett, Jerry Donahue, Najwa Hahn, Marci Jacobs, Betty Jean Miller. Ex-officio: Kathy Arsenault, Jean Ferguson.

President's Report: David Hubbell

Dr. Hubbell called the meeting to order with the question of how to promote SAPL. He and Kathy had met with Jon Kile of the USF Development Office for suggestions, and one idea was to advertise in neighborhood newspapers. The others agreed that an article about SAPL was a better idea, so Najwa offered to call one of the papers about doing an interview with Kathy on SAPL. Jon had also suggested that SAPL advertise itself in conjunction with a special event, such as an open house on a Sunday afternoon. Jerry agreed to ask the head of the Downtown Condominium Association if he could inform the members about SAPL. Jon had further mentioned the idea of a SAPL tent at the Festival of Reading, with Marion indicating that its success would depend on location, while Ann suggested a table rather than a tent. Kathy said she would talk to Holly Kickliter about the idea. Betty Jean wondered if Town and Gown might be able to help promote SAPL, so Marion offered to take them SAPL pamphlets. Najwa suggested notifying local book clubs about SAPL book plates, which all the others thought an excellent idea.

Treasurer's Report: Marion Ballard

Marion commented that SAPL had taken in more money than it spent and that she was very impressed with the financial statement. The board voted to accept the report but expressed disappointment about the internet book sales. Kathy replied that they might try another vendor to sell books to, as they probably could get out of the contract at any time.

Library Dean's Report: Kathy Arsenault

Kathy noted that it had been a quiet summer as far as the library's public areas, but that Technical Services had been incredibly stressed due to taking over acquisitions from Tampa. She mentioned an interview being held on the coming Monday for a catalog librarian. In light of the 4% state budget cuts, Kathy said that the library could use SAPL's help in enhancing its literature program. She noted that the Festival of Reading was successful though not as much as they would have liked because of rainy weather. She told the board about the library's lovely summer intern from Germany who was a great help to Technical Services and also shadowed Kathy. She wrapped up by announcing Karen White's withdrawal of her application to the University of Louisiana. Ann then asked Kathy to further explain the expansion of the literature program; Kathy stated that it involved the purchase of quality recreational literature which would be bookplated by SAPL. The board responded by voting to allot up to \$1,000 more toward the program, with the additional \$1,000 being used for non-fiction as well as fiction items.

Fiction Contest

Kathy reported that Niela Eliason had moved to Colorado, and that because the fiction contest had been her special project, SAPL would now need assistance with it. She asked for anyone interested to please volunteer. Dr. Hubbell asked about using retired faculty as judges and suggested offering payment to the judges.

Terms of Directors

The board agreed to continue the terms of the directors for a third year. Marci wondered about recruiting a new director from the school system.

Annual Meeting

Kathy asked for ideas for a speaker for the annual meeting. Dr. Hubbell mentioned the newly retired Peter Betzer, while Betty Jean suggested Andy Barnes. The board then adjourned at 5:00.