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**SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 18, 2007**  
**4:00 P.M. Library Conference Room**

**Present:** David Hubbell, Marion Ballard, Betty Jean Miller, Najwa Hahn, Marci Jacobs.  
**Ex-officio:** Kathy Arsenault, Patricia Pettijohn, Jean Ferguson.

**President's Report: David Hubbell**

David Hubbell opened the meeting by apologizing for his recent absence due to his wife's injury but reported that she is recovering. He asked Kathy about the status of the fiction contest, and she stated that the deadline would be March 19, with the same prizes and format as last year. She would like to announce the winners during Honors Week, and SAPL members are more than welcome to volunteer as judges.

**Treasurer's Report: Marion Ballard**

Marion mentioned that the treasurer's report was in a new and clearer format emailed to her by Zeynep earlier in the week, and that she would like comments on it. Betty Jean thought it was wonderful, David asked and was told that it was current, and Marion stated that she was pleased with the format. Betty Jean said SAPL should nag Kathy to spend more money, to which Kathy replied that Patricia would be buying more library books, and she also thanked SAPL for the library's new refrigerator purchased with SAPL funds. David asked about spending money to complete the collection of presidential signatures, and Marion suggested an announcement in the next newsletter that SAPL is seeking them. Marci asked if there would be any way to advertise the request to the whole campus, and Kathy suggested e-News. Patricia commented that Jim Schnur only needed two more signatures, former President Reagan (which she could get) and current President Bush. Several others suggested that Governor Charlie Crist might be able to get the latter, and Betty Jean said she would see what she could do.

**Library Dean's Report: Kathy Arsenault**

Kathy stated that the library's hours had been extended to midnight, and that the attendance was not as much as we would have liked. She commented on the library's expanded computer horseshoe, a new scanner, new graphics programs, and soon-to-be-added Macs. She then announced a problem with the annual meeting date, saying that it was not going to work. With the Grand Prix and the Festival of States at the end of March and various other activities throughout April, only April 27 had worked out, but now a Partners in Progress event would be held in the library that same evening. She suggested two possibilities: either a brief SAPL business meeting at 5:00 before Partners in Progress or a luncheon in Davis 130 with Dr. Hugh LaFollette as the speaker. Marion commented that SAPL used to hold luncheons, and Kathy said she would find out when Davis 130 and Dr. LaFollette are available. Najwa asked about parking, and Kathy replied that it wouldn't be too bad on a Friday. After Betty Jean reminded Kathy to

watch out for any conflicts with Town and Gown, she made a motion for the luncheon, Marion and David seconded, and all agreed.

Kathy next announced a series of upcoming events. In mid-February, Dr. Hugh LaFollete (Ed Cole Chair of Ethics) and Dr. Deni Elliott (Bishop Chair of Media Ethics) will be presenting a seminar on journalism in wartime. On February 16, Martin Bell, a BBC War Correspondent, will speak on "Reflections of a War Zone Thug." On February 17, Corey Flintoff, National Public Radio Baghdad Correspondent, will present "Ethical Problems of Covering the War in Iraq." Paul Rusesabagina, a Rwandan genocide survivor whose story was depicted in the movie Hotel Rwanda, will speak on February 25. Final Friday will be held in the library atrium at 5:00 on February 23 in honor of faculty authors. The next SAPL board meeting will be on March 15 with Mr. Tom Piazza from Advancement in attendance.

**Guest Speaker: Patricia Pettijohn**

Kathy introduced Patricia Pettijohn, USFSP's Technical Services librarian, who gave an update on online book sales. Patricia said she was personally disappointed in the results, as the library had shipped 74 boxes with about 25 books per box to Better World Books, and they had sold 236 books for a total of \$198.68 to the library, or a profit of not quite \$5.00 per book for BWB with the library receiving \$.84 per book. She said she was thinking about trying Solinet, which also sells books online, but that only the first shipment would be free, so that after deducting the cost of shipping, we would get 50% of the profits. Patricia did comment that BWB was interested in our antiquarian books without ISBNs, and she suggested that we continue trying for a year. David asked where the donations were coming from, and Patricia replied that they were from faculty, staff, and various estates. She showed the board three gift books from a donated collection, and Marion said it was very complementary to a gift to the Tampa library from the von Rosenstiels. Patricia commented that she would check out the Holocaust Museum in case we wanted to give them some of the books from the newly donated collection.

Patricia discussed the new book section downstairs next to recreational reading; mentioned purchasing new books with SAPL funds, concentrating on fiction, with some in Spanish; and stated that she had moved the audio books next to recreational reading, which had expanded. Kathy announced that Patricia had been selected to participate in a library leadership program for the state, and that it was an honor.

The board then discussed the possibility of getting papers or interviews from local World War II veterans. Marci suggested mentioning donations at the annual meeting. And the board meeting adjourned at 4:50.