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SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 16, 2006
4:00 P.M. Library Conference Room

Present: Jerry Donahue, Marion Ballard, Betty Jean Miller, Najwa Hahn, Ann Sackett, Louise Weaver, Sue Fraser. Ex-officio: Kathy Arsenault, Zeynep Tufekci, Jean Ferguson.

President David Hubbell was not in attendance, so Kathy Arsenault opened the meeting by introducing the library's new Administrative Assistance, Zeynep Tufekci, and asking the board members to introduce themselves.

Library Dean's Report: Kathy Arsenault

Kathy announced that the Festival of Reading had been very successful and that it would again be held the last weekend in October 2007. She said that the library's extended hours would begin on December 4, the start of exams, with a staff person and a security guard present at night. Niela Eliason had told Kathy she would be happy to preside over another fiction contest, again restricted to the St. Petersburg campus. In regard to the SAPL annual meeting, Kathy had spoken to Dr. Hugh LaFollette, the distinguished professor in the Cole's chair, and he had suggested the date of April 6; the SAPL board agreed [N.B.: April 6 is Good Friday, so Kathy and Dr. LaFollette suggest April 27 as an alternative]. Kathy mentioned that Arun Ghandi, Mahatma Ghandi's grandson and an advocate for non-violence, would be speaking on November 29 at 6:15 p.m. in the CAC. She also related that Dr. Karen White had suggested an event for campus book authors, so she decided that the library would do so on February 23 when it hosts a Final Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Also included will be distinguished researchers nominated by the university's deans.

Treasurer's Report: Marion Ballard

Marion reported that the SAPL treasury had about \$9,900 as of the last board meeting and now has about \$10,536. Kathy commented that the revenue from Better World Books (\$73) was disappointing but that SAPL should probably give it a year's trial. Marion said that she still encourages book donations, as they yield an occasional gem. The SAPL board members made a motion for Kathy to spend the treasury money, and she stated that she would use it to renew the literature program (SAPL contributes \$1,000 to buy higher literature that doesn't fit into any academic program, i.e., good popular fiction to boost the library's recreational reading collection) and to pay for the fiction contest, the newsletter, and the annual meeting. Sue suggested that SAPL have a budget, and Marion later agreed to work with Zeynep to develop one. Najwa again asked if any student society would be interested in selling books to raise funds, and Kathy apologized for having dropped the ball on that subject. She did say that USF is working on developing more student organizations, which may help. Ann asked how hard it was to box the donated books for shipment, and Kathy and Marion replied that it wasn't too

difficult with the help of student assistants. Louise commented that her daughter and friends in Rojans at St. Petersburg High School would like to collect books to sell and donate the money to SAPL. Kathy thanked her and said she would have more ideas in January for spending SAPL's funds.

Newsletter: Kathy Arsenault

Kathy explained that the SAPL newsletter had been delayed because of Barbara Reynolds' retirement and Zeynep's transition, but that it would be out before Christmas.

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Kathy suggested dealing with it at the annual meeting. When it was noted that Sally Poynter had always done it, Marion offered to call her to do so in the spring.

Nobody had any new business, so the board approved the minutes and adjourned at 5:00.