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SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 22, 2005

4:00 P.M. Kathy Arsenault's home

Attendees: Kristina Thyrré, Najwa Hahn, Marci Jacobs, Ann Sackett, Robin Caldwell, Marlene Mock, Marion Ballard, Sue Fraser. Ex officio: Kathy Arsenault, Barbara Reynolds, Patricia Pettijohn.

Meeting called to order at 4:12 pm by VP Robin Caldwell standing in for President David Hubbell. Meeting location was at Dean Arsenault's lovely house.

Reviewed the idea of starting a SAPL Book Club.

- Purpose of the Book Club would be to build membership and awareness of SAPL.
- It is proposed to advertise the idea of a Book Club in the next SAPL newsletter to see what kind of response we get.
- Start the Book Club next fall when the parking situation is better. (There is still a parking problem on the campus. The construction should be done by summer.)
- Do not tie in the Book Club to Barnes & Noble.
- The format would be that a member of the faculty would be leading a discussion group about a book of note (rather than a lecture.)

The Board was introduced to new library staff member, Patricia Pettijohn. She is the Head of Technical Services. In January, she will take on Collection Development responsibilities. Welcome!

Treasurer's Report: "Steady residue, not forging ahead." The desire is to lower the base amount of our account – we need to spend more. Dean Arsenault was asked for suggestions.

- Audio CD's through Kademan's Audio Classics. \$1000 would make a nice start to the audio collection.
- Four new laptops for the library. These will be for the students to check out and use while they are in the library. Approximate cost: \$800 each.

Kristina Thyrré made a motion to use SAPL funds for the benefit of the library as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Marlene Mock and passed unanimously.

Jackie Shewmaker has been recently installed as our first Librarian Emerita. Well deserved. Congratulations, Jackie!

Jim Schnur has new additions to the Special Collections:

- A conglomeration of items pertaining to the cigar industry, including many cigar labels, from Glen Westfall.

- Letters written to the St. Petersburg Times by local WWII veterans regarding the end of World War II that were used in a special newspaper inserted edited by Ron Bracket.
- A collection of artifacts from Antarctica, including a can of cocoa left by Shackleton's expedition and old newspapers, contributed by Jose Torres, marine science professor.

Jim Schnur has compiled material for the history of the Bayboro campus and the surrounding area for an exhibit which opened on September 7th. The 40th Anniversary website is up and functioning, thanks to Jim & Berrie www.nelson.usf.edu/40.

The new library management system, Aleph, has been a challenge to install over the summer; many, but not all, of the problems/challenges have been overcome.

A letter was sent out to remind members to send in their dues.

Marci Jacobs brought up a discussion about the Library's Instructional Material collection. She mentioned that the collection was dated (circa 1970's) and asked if we could get up-to-date Pinellas County books and specifically books on social studies. Dean Arsenault gave us some points to consider: Textbooks are costly and are rapidly outdated, the library is running out of shelf room so some weeding of the collection is probably due, and the College of Education hasn't clarified their needs regarding the collection. The games and the kits have been popular. Dean Arsenault will get together with Jerry and the College of Education to see what can be done to update the collection.

Gary Mormino, author of "State of Sunshine, State of Dreams", will be our speaker at the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be April 21st or April 28th depending on the schedule of the speaker and when classes are finished.

There was a lively discussion on whether the SAPL Fiction Contest was still applicable to the goals of SAPL since most of the participation is from the Tampa campus. It was suggested that President David Hubbell contact Teddie, Niela and Rita to get their input.

Another issue of the newsletter should be started next week after the 40th Anniversary kickoff. Topics of interest to be included would be the historical walking tour; the new audiobooks and the continuing call for book donations. Contact Jean if you have anything that you'd like to see in the newsletter or if you would like to contribute.

The decision was made last year to donate books to Better World Books instead of having a Book Fair. Better World Books has a new, user-friendly system; we only have to ship one carton at a time. The profit will be split between SAPL and Room To Read. We will be giving all mass market paperbacks to the public library.

Board meeting schedule:

November 17th

January 19th

March 16th

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. Refreshments were served. Many thanks, Kathy!