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SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 20, 2005
4:00 P.M. Library Conference Room

Present: Najwa Hahn, Betty Jean Miller, Marion Ballard, David Hubbell, Joyce Van Horn, Marci Jacobs, Robin Caldwell, Kristina Thyre. Ex-officio: Kathy Arsenault.

President Kristina Thyre called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Marci Jacobs

Marci reported \$8,346.53 in the Foundation account and \$3,208.07 in the Auxiliary account for a total of \$11,554.60. Monies spent were fiction contest \$700.00, judge \$107.65 and liability insurance \$413.00. Kathy Arsenault said she would check to see if the liability insurance is really needed.

Library Dean's Report: Kathy Arsenault

- Dean Arsenault informed the board that a new librarian from Eckerd College had started at the library. Her name is Anita Lindsay. She will be focusing on marketing, the Campus Showcase and exhibits for new students.
- Three new positions are open at the library.

New Business:

- Kathy proposed that a survey be sent out to the SAPL members, about 100. She is trying to find out how the members use the library. Her aim is to try to make the library more attractive to the members. The motion was approved.
- A discussion ensued about how the dues structure should be changed. A committee of three, Joyce Van Horn, Betty Jean Miller and Kristina Thyre, will meet to discuss changing the categories, putting together a new corporate package, looking at the life memberships and possibly offering perks for the different levels of memberships.
- Kathy was asked what the board could do for the library. She proposed that every other year a librarian would be honored for his/her outstanding service to the campus or profession. The winner would receive \$500.00 or an amount equivalent to the awards to be given to teaching faculty in each college. This motion to contribute \$500.00 was approved.
- Kathy told the board that next year is the library's 40th anniversary. She asked if she could approach Nathaniel Philbrick, who is an author and lives in Nantucket, to speak as SAPL's contribution to the festivities. She will report her findings at the next meeting. The theme for the anniversary has to do with the compass or other nautical "art element." She felt that Philbrick's lecture would showcase the library collection and follow the theme of the celebration.

Annual Meeting:

April 22, 2005, was proposed as the date of the annual meeting. April 29, 2005, was proposed as the back-up date. A local author, Lee Irby, who wrote 7000 Clams, a book about baseball and St. Petersburg in the 20's, was proposed as the speaker. Kathy offered to approach him to speak at the meeting. An exhibit on St. Petersburg in the 20's was suggested to go along with the theme in the book.

Betty Jean suggested that the meeting be held at an older house on 11th Avenue South. The house is used for community events. Members of the board were asked to drive by and see if the location was suitable. The decision was tabled until the next board meeting.

Newsletter:

The stories that won the writing competition have not been received. Teddie was nominated to put the newsletter together. The motion was passed.

David suggested that an appeal for presidential signatures go out in the newsletter. The library currently has George Bush, Sr.'s, signature.

Book Fair:

Marion Ballard asked for volunteers to help her pack the books for the fair. She also suggested that the board look to find a new bookseller for the remaining books, after the sale is over. The books are generally water-damaged or out-of-date books. A decision was not made at this meeting.

Marion suggested that we reevaluate the book fair. The sale doesn't make a huge amount of money and does put a drain on the library staff. The library only uses about 3%-5% of the donations.

A committee of three, Kristina Thyrrre, David Hubbell and Robin Caldwell, was formed to discuss if the book fair should continue next year. If the fair is not held, then they would explore what better venues could be used to raise money for the library.

Next meeting to be held March 17, 2005 @ 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.