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Lanny announced that, on Thursday morning, March 20, he will be conducting a tour of the Library for the USF Women’s Club, of which Mary Lou Harkness is a member.

(Please note that there has been a cancellation of a March 13 event announced at this meeting: a meeting on our terrace by Financial Planning).

Delivery and installation of speaker phones ordered for three offices will take approximately another week, according to Julius. Hopefully it will not be any later, since it was discovered that speaker phones cannot be moved from office to office for telephone conference use.

Tina agreed to postpone her WebLuis Brown Bag presentation until Spring Break week; it is rescheduled for Wednesday, 3/12, from 1-2 p.m.

Tina also reported that Deanna, her first contact for reference relief, is unable to accept. Sandy Sumner is considering the offer and will let us know. The hourly rate suggested is $10. Since Sandy has previously worked at Poynter Library, she would probably require minimal training.

In addition to these contacts and since Sandy would only be able to give us 10 hours/week maximum, Tina said she will speak to Brad Ward at TBLC, Ed will see Joyce at SPJC and Jackie will mention the situation in the next SIS Newsletter.

Concerning Merit Review, Lanny reported that he had spoken to Joan Pelland, who is experiencing difficulties finding qualified committee members for judging their librarians. A discussion following on the history and current status of merit review guidelines. Jerry will contact Eileen who was the last Chair, and it was suggested that Catherine Batsche could also be consulted.

Lanny reported that, at the Library Directors meeting, the online reserve aspect of Virtual Library was discussed. Downloading and printing are the two main problems to be worked out.

Lanny reminded all that evaluations are due today.
The enforcement of valid IDs at Circulation has been made somewhat easier by the placement of a policy sign.

Tina passed along information given to her about a proposed increase in the Lexis-Nexis academic subscription rate -- $1600/month vs $1800/year -- beginning the end of June. It was agreed to look for alternate resources.

Tina announced that Pam Ikauniks, who is close to graduation, has asked to be able to shadow the reference librarian on duty. This will be unpaid time. All agreed, with the caveat of stressing to Pam that there be no unnecessary talking/chatting. Kathy said Pam could be of assistance to her at reference quiet times by checking on duplicate material in the area.

Because of some recent incidents, it was agreed to reinforce the Library policy of not giving out private telephone numbers of staff. It will also be mentioned at the next Staff Meeting, as well as encouraging the practice of using the term "Librarian" in lieu of addressing by first or even last name.

Ed reported a successful meeting with Jim Gray and others and announced our Library's computer printouts will eventually be part of a University contract using a system called Uniprint. There will be some expenditure on our part, but Tina said Tampa may have extra card readers for us. We will have to determine page cost, based on supplies and maintenance.

Ed announced that there will be some downtime for the whole CDROM network for the upgrading of CDROM and client software.

Kathy reported that deliveries of books for the upcoming Book Fair are increasing. Work sessions for sorting and pricing by SAPL members are usually on Thursdays.

Next meeting -- Monday, April 7, 1997 @2:00 pm