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Present: Marion Ballard, Betty Jean Miller, David Hubbell, Najwa Hahn, Sue Fraser, Ann Sackett. Ex-officio: Kathy Arsenault, Barbara Reynolds.

Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President David Hubbell. This meeting was held again at Dean Arsenault’s home because of the current parking situation at the campus.

There were no additions/subtractions or changes to the minutes.

Announcements from President David Hubbell and Dean Kathy Arsenault

Fiction Contest: In response to the President’s inquiry, Kathy Arsenault reported that the 2006 Bayboro Fiction Contest has been initiated, publicized, placed on the Library’s web site (www.nelson.usf.edu), and will be advertised in the Crow’s Nest. This year, the contestants are limited to the St. Petersburg campus, and the judges will be Niela Eliason, Teddie Aggeles and Jerry Notaro. Winners will be invited to the Annual Meeting in April.

The Palladium possibility discussed at the last meeting is out of the question.

Book Club: With the prediction of the campus garage opening in the fall, a Library location for the proposed Book Club is more certain. A discussion followed about what the format would be and who might be moderator. It was agreed that a faculty member would be invited to conduct discussion on a widely publicized/highly recognizable book of his choosing, which could be fiction or non-fiction. The SAPL Newsletter, which will soon be issued, has a box insert asking for interest in and ideas about the new book group, which would almost certainly be an evening event. Kathy will contact Professor Hugh LaFollette, who currently leads a book discussion group on campus, to see if he would be interested in being the first discussion leader.

Kathy announced that the Newsletter is ready to go out. It will have features by Jim Schnur on the history of the campus, Karilyn Jaap on graphic novels, and Jerry Notaro on interesting new DVD acquisitions.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) evaluators will be visiting our campus February 7-9. These are volunteer administrators from all over the country who assist in the accreditation of educational institutions. They will be meeting with faculty and staff and asking many questions. A library director is among the group.
Kathy was pleased to announce that Shelly Hoffman, Florida Studies, is publishing a book about Bayboro Maritime history. Many photographs from our Special Collections will appear in the book.

Kathy announced that Mika Nelson will return in the spring from parental leave, and Karilyn Jaap would be retiring in April.

**New Business**

Marion and Betty Jean Miller are working to help secure a significant donation of books from the Bishop collection. Barbara will have Patricia call Marion about the limitations and restrictions in connection with some of these books being available for the Better World Books program.

**Annual Meeting:**
The annual meeting will be on April 28th. Our guest speaker will be Gary Mormino. Co-chairs for the catered event will be Marion Ballard and Kristina Thyrre.

**Attention** was brought to the fact that Board membership is below the required minimum. Those present will think about possible candidates and report at the next meeting.

Next meeting is March 16th. Please note that this meeting will be on campus, in the Library’s Conference Room. The availability of parking should not be a problem, since the meeting is scheduled for Spring Break.
Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by
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