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# SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY

## Board of Directors Meeting

November 16, 2000

4:00 p.m. Library Conference Room

Present: Kristina Thyrré, Betty Jean Miller, Elizabeth Haslam, Oscar Blasingame, Margaret Tappan, Marion Ballard, Marci Jacobs, Sally Poynter, Niela Eliason, Joyce Van Horn, Rita Gould, Theodora Aggeles, Marlene Mock, Ex officio: Kathy Arsenault, Barbara Reynolds.

Call to order at 4 p.m.

Margaret Tappan requested that an addition be made to last month's minutes: Book Fair Committee report was by Bethia Caffrey and Marlene Mock. Minutes were approved with corrections added. Motion by Sally Poynter, seconded by Kristina Thyrré.

### **President's Report:**

President Judy Genshaft spoke at the Campus Advisory Committee meeting. Her message to the committee was positive as she reassured the members that she would be working with Dean Heller to get things into shape.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

SAPL balance -- \$9,693.41 (in Foundation account, \$5,640.89; in Auxiliary account, \$4,052.52).

### **Library Director's Report:**

Library Director search will be underway soon.

Board of Regents in Miami will be discussing current plans for the St. Pete campus reorganization, as they must approve any plans – they have concerns but Dean Heller feels confident the plans will be approved. The campus' autonomy is an issue.

The last open staff position – Systems Coordinator – is waiting on paperwork to be completed.

Lennie Bennett of the St. Petersburg Times is writing a story about journalist Norman Jones, whose son donated a collection of his papers to special collections.

Kathy asked for email addresses from Board members.

### **Fiction Contest:**

Niela Eliason reported that the quality of the stories submitted this year was very poor. We received only 26 entries; in the past the number has been between 45

and 80. The quality was so poor we decided against awarding any prizewinners. The committee had such a difficult time choosing a winner that it was decided only an "honorable mention" would be awarded. This entry was by a business student from the Lakeland campus.

Discussion about dropping the contest and/or ways to encourage students to participate followed. It was noted that the prize money was more than generous and not part of the problem. Another short story contest in the spring at the Tampa campus could be drawing off our contest. It was suggested that Niela contact the sponsors of that contest as to the quality of stories they're receiving. Niela has talked with Gabriel Horn -- author, teacher and this year's contest judge -- about the difficulties with the contest. He responded with a letter in which he expressed concern; however, he feels the contest is needed and should be continued. He suggested she write to the chair of the English departments at each campus expressing the committee's disappointment and asking for more support from professors to get their students to participate. Discussion followed on the type and content of letter to be sent. A copy will also be sent to President Genshaft. Oscar Blasingame suggested the Board should approve any letter before it is sent. A copy of the letter will be sent to Board members. Should anyone disagree or have comments about the contest, they should contact Niela.

A committee was formed to compose the letter; members are Niela Eliason, Teddy Aggeles, Rita Gould and Joyce Van Horn. Joyce will write an article for the newsletter about the situation with the contest and include Gabe Horn's comments.

The Board thanked Niela for all her work on the contest, and she expressed appreciation for the Board's support.

### **Book Fair:**

Following up on last meeting's discussion of involvement in the Times Reading Festival, Marci Jacobs reported on her inquiries. There is a section of the festival where SAPL representatives could promote memberships, should we wish to participate. Discussion on results of the last time we participated in such a promotion followed. Elizabeth Haslam reported on cost factors and set-up possibilities.

Marion Ballard expressed concerns about the transportation of the books to the site, as well as the cost involved for set-up. The Library was suggested as a site for the Fair, and the Writers Conference as a time and location.

The weekend of MarineQuest -- March 8 through March 10 -- was discussed. Problems with location were brought up again. The event is primarily at the end of the peninsula -- POY 130 has poor visibility and access at an event held there. It was suggested we explore the possibility of a tent set in a prominent location. Sally Poynter made a motion to work toward having the next Book Fair during MarineQuest. Oscar Blasingame seconded. Book Fair Committee will meet to work towards that end.

### **Old Business:**

Final discussion on the proposed budget included Margaret's asking if any changes were needed in the budget report. Marion Ballard questioned the need for the insurance we are buying. Oscar Blasingame volunteered to read and evaluate the policy and report back. Teddy Aggeles pointed out that the \$450 Fiction Contest prize money would not be used.

Teddy reported that we never received a catering bill for from Orange Blossom for our April meeting. An estimate of the bill is approximately \$400. The Board agreed to send an inquiry to Orange Blossom.

In response to last meeting's request to Kathy, she suggested the Library would appreciate a high quality printer to reproduce photographs from scanners and digital cameras to use in publicity efforts. Oscar moved we spend up to \$500 for the printer; Teddy seconded.

**New Business:**

Discussion of the Annual Meeting will be held at the January Board meeting. President Genshaft was suggested as a possible speaker.

Suggestions, comments, or changes for SAPL's web site were requested to a revised page distributed to the Board. Elizabeth Haslam moved to accept the revisions unchanged. Betty Jean Miller seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.