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Present:  David Hubbell, Kristina Thyrre, Sue Fraser, Marion Ballard, Ann Sackett, Jerry Donahue, Najwa Hahn, Marci Jacobs.  Ex-officio:  Kathy Arsenault, Jean Ferguson.

President’s Report:  David Hubbell
Dr. Hubbell began the meeting with a discussion of the inter-library issue, in which St. Petersburg’s library dean would have reported to Tampa’s library dean, threatening the SACS accreditation.  Kathy thanked the board for their assistance in supporting USFSP, and she explained that she would be contacting Tampa to set up meetings to discuss the libraries’ future relationships.  Several questions came up about cataloging if Tampa wouldn’t continue doing it, and Kathy said that maybe we would be able to get new positions or turn to outsourcing.

Treasurer’s Report:  Marion Ballard
Marion reviewed the treasurer’s report and then asked what SAPL could donate to the library.  Kathy suggested funding a party for the library’s student assistants (to which the staff would also attend) at a maximum of $500, and the board approved a motion to do so.  Dr. Hubbell mentioned hoping to complete the presidential signatures, at which point Kathy said that Jim Schnur had obtained Gerald Ford’s signature from former radio announcer Glen Dill, and she passed it around the table, along with a folder of Clinton signed photographs donated by Dr. Judithanne Scourfield-McLauchlan.

Library Dean’s Report:  Kathy Arsenault
Kathy expressed apologies for special guest Tom Piazze’s absence, explaining that he had to attend to a family matter.  She reported on the library’s hosting of a Town and Gown event earlier in the day in which librarian Tina Neville had made a wonderful presentation about several new library programs, including Second Life, a worldwide imaginary community.  Kathy thanked SAPL for the new refrigerator and for the book donations, stating that the library had created another book plate on the computer with a SAPL design.

Fiction Contest
Kathy reported that the fiction contest had received four entries and would be closing on March 19, with Niela Eliason, Teddie Aggeles, Rita Gould, and Jerry Notaro serving as judges.  The winners will be announced during Honors Week.

Terms of Directors
Jean Ferguson brought up the topic of the terms of the directors, and the board agreed that it was Sally Poynter’s “job” and so motioned.  Kristina Thyrre offered to contact her.
Annual Meeting
Kathy discussed the annual meeting, noting that the original date of 4/27 wouldn’t work because of a Partners in Progress meeting in the library that evening. She had settled upon a luncheon on 5/4 with Dr. Hugh Lafollette as speaker, since it was the week after exams when there would be no parking problems. SAPL asked about the night of 5/4, and Kathy explained that there was another conflict. The board then requested that Kathy look into the night of 5/11, as they really wanted an evening meeting on the library terrace. Kristina stated that she wanted to pass on ordering the food, since she’d done it for the past several years. Marion and possibly Najwa offered to handle it if given instructions, and they were told that only Orange Blossom could do the catering.

Dr. Hubbell was about to close the meeting when no one had any other new or old business, but the board again began discussing the presidential signatures. Marion mentioned that Mary Jane Park of The St. Petersburg Times was looking for articles and might be interested in that topic, and she said she would contact her. The board then adjourned at 4:50.