SOURCE minutes, 11/15/2005 – Third meeting of Fall ’05 Semester

Committee members present:
Co-President – Helen Azar, hazar@eden.rutgers.edu
Co-President – Ingrid Williams, iwillmend@cs.com
Treasurer – Emily Zervas, zemily6@eden.rutgers.edu
Secretary – John Beekman, jwbkmn@eden.rutgers.edu
Webmaster/Archivist – Huy Chu, huytchu@eden.rutgers.edu
Faculty Advisor - Marija Dalbello
Also present: Jared Ash, Allison Klein, Patricia Mahony, Arthur Merchant, Ondrea Murphy, Nomi Ron

Meeting came to order around 6:10 after pizza.

I – Elections reminder:
Elections for SOURCE officers for the upcoming (Spring 2006) term will be held at the next meeting. Open positions will include 2 Co-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer (as current Treasurer may seek another office). A message will be posted to paperpeople and LISSA lists prior to next meeting. Faculty advisor Marija Dalbello suggested that the announcement include a description of SOURCE that includes the widest possible scope for our activities, noting that the group evolves and adjusts according to the interests of current membership – including archives, digital libraries, visual collections, and preservation.

II – SOURCE Anniversary Party:
The fifthe anniversary party for SOURCE was a very nice event, according to reports all who attended, including your humble secretary (me). Immediate past President Bill Walker and founding members Ginny Kowalski and Cynthia Harris joined several current members and faculty advisor Marija Dalbello for excellent food and conversation at Emily Z’s place. Thanks to Emily and Ryan for being such great hosts, and particularly to Ryan for his skillful deployment of that Syd Barret LP, and for the all-vinyl evening of subtle yet interesting music. You bet I noticed!

III – Tours/Colloquia etc.:
The Ocker and Trapp tour is set for Friday 11/18 at 11 AM. This unfortunately conflicts with LISSA’s Baker & Taylor tour, but O&T prefers a smaller group, so it should all work out.
Attempts to line up a tour of the ICP Library have not worked out as we had hoped, but it will be possible to have a tour there if attendees are willing to pay $10 or so. But they require a minimum of 25, which is kind of a high number for the typical SCILS tour. We will have to decide on this at our next meeting. The AM tour of the NYPL Map Room is ready to be finalized, and consensus for a late January (start of semester) date has been reached, so we just have to decide on ICP or an alternative afternoon tour to pair with it.
We discussed the possibility of a dinner with Michael Joseph at the Rutgers Club, versus a colloquium/talk. It would be nice to have a show-and-tell with him, to see some of the treasures” of the RUL collection. Possibly we could have both a SOURCE-members only dinner, and a generally announced talk. Emily Z will speak to Michael Joseph to see what he thinks.

While sending her regrets in RSVPing to our invite to the SOURCE anniversary party, former member Veronica Calder (nee Meyer) offered to set up a tour of her current place of employment, the NJ State Archives. She can be reached at Veronica.Calder@sos.state.nj.us

We could also consider asking her for any future past-members-colloquium.

IV – Report on Book Arts Talk:
SOURCE members who attended a recent Book Arts Symposium at the Dana Library reported. The exhibition included books created from recycled materials. The talk by William Dane from the Newark Public Library on the history of the Dana Library was especially praised. Dana felt that the mission of the library was to document all aspects of cultural production, leading to a particularly rich collection as well as challenges in storage, access and preservation of unique materials.

V – Set date for next meeting:
The next meeting, the final one for the Fall 2005 semester, will be on December 13 at 6 PM in SCILS room 313. Elections for officers for next semester will be held.