Friends of the Henderson Library

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Friends Council  
July 15, 2014  
Essence Notes

Present: Bede Mitchell, Ann Hamilton, Rosemarie Stallworth-Clark, Yolanda Copeland, Laura Wheaton, Pam Childs, Alva Wilbanks.

Consent Agenda
Minutes of May Meeting (previously distributed)

Financial Report
Balance – May 1: $4,964.38
Income: May & June:
A Day for Southern 293.34
Copeland Donation-Ad 100.00
F2T Income 5785.00
Expenses: May & June:
Statesboro Mag. Ad -378.68
Fac/Staff Luncheon on Library Day -500.00
Friends of Tattnall Co Libraries -100.00
F2T Event Fees -205.00
GSU Catering
F2T Food -2118.60
Chops(wine) -187.25
Balance-June 30: $7,653.19

Discussion Agenda

Dean’s Report:
Bede distributed copies of his Dean’s Report which listed highlights pulled from the library’s recent Annual Report. The members were asked to review the report and send him any comments or suggestions they may have.

Farm to Table Update:
The 2014 Farm to Table Financial Report was reviewed, reflecting a profit of $3,274.15. The group agreed that the event was a great success and agreed to move $5,000 from the Friends account to the library’s Foundation Book fund account. Rosemarie was interested in knowing what type of book requests are made by the colleges. Bede will follow up.

Bede announced that Chef Case has taken a job at the Landings in Savannah and any future dinners held at the Nessmith Lane Conference Center would be managed by his successor. He stated that if the committee has a desire to find a new location for the dinner that this would be the time to consider doing so. Two locations were discussed as possibilities: Chops and 40 East Main. Pam reported that Chops new banquet room could seat around 85 people and she agreed that she felt Chops could work with the same $30 per plate price we have been charged in the past. It was agreed that the banquet room at 40 East Main would not be practical for a plated dinner since the kitchen is not located in the same building as the banquet room. Yolanda commented that the ballroom in Nessmith Lane was a very good location with good service and ample parking.

The group agreed to keep the dinner scheduled for June.
Discussion arose regarding speakers and if we needed to have one. Laura suggested we check into the possibility of working with a business that plans fund raising events. She mentioned Eric Roberson as an example of such an event planner, but added that his services were expensive. Pam offered to check with her daughter, Hope who works with event planning, for her suggestions. Hope was in the restaurant at the time and stopped by the table to offer suggestions. She stated that Azure Rountree, who has written a cookbook, would be a great speaker and could even offer a cooking class. She also made the suggestion of Adrian Peterson. A suggestion was voiced to possibly use both for two separate fund raising events. Pam will meet with Hope and get suggestions on how we can use Peterson to our advantage. Bede noted that the first part of April might be a good time to feature him in connection with National Library Week. The group will continue to formulate ideas around these two individuals.

**Snacks during finals**

Rosemarie suggested we find some way in which to welcome the students to the library during finals and offer some type of refreshment. Ann reported on ideas being considered during Weeks of Welcome to be held August 16 - September 13. The group will continue this discussion for formulating some type of plan for finals in December.