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Friends of the Henderson Library Essence Notes

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Attending: Bede Mitchell, Laura Wheaton, Rosemarie Stallworth Clark, Anna Beecher, Pam Childs, Marc Bruce, Clara Krug, Alva Britt.

Bede distributed a FOHL Financial Statement and a draft of an invitation to sponsor the library’s annual Farm-to-Table Dinner.

The group welcomed new advisory council member, Marc Bruce. Bede presented Marc with Information on the library’s upcoming project, the Remnant Trust exhibit, being co-sponsored by Henderson Library and the College of Liberal Arts. The Friends Council has designated $10,000 toward the cost of the exhibit which will be on display in the Spring of 2017 in the Henderson Library. Bede reported that he is also meeting today with the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau in anticipation of their additional support of the project. The exhibit should arrive sometime in early January and run through the end of the Spring semester. Tentative plans are to hold a special reception to include Library donors and other pertinent groups for a first peek at the exhibit materials.

Laura reported on a meeting with Aaron Totten regarding sponsors for the Farm-to-Table Dinner. Mr. Totten also suggested we consider some type of product that the library could sell with a portion of the proceeds going to the library. Bede will followup on this suggestion.

Bede stated that now is the time we should be considering a date and location for the next Farm-to-Table Dinner as prospective sponsors will want to know the date. Anna gave a very favorable report from her meeting with Brian Carter, one of the owners of The Hall. Mr. Carter reported that they work closely with the Farmers’ Market and can provide us with a menu up front, and offer us wine at cost. David suggested we should also consider checking with Chef Kevin Case at the Country Club. Bede suggested we might consider tying the dinner in with the conclusion of the Remnant Trust exhibit.

Bede and Laura will schedule another meeting with Aaron Totten to follow up on prospective sponsors.

The next meeting of the Friends Council will be held in late October. Bede asked for the members to send him any agenda items for the meeting. He also suggested we consider exploring additional fundraising ideas beside the Farm-to-Table Dinner.