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Friends of the Henderson Library Essence Notes

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Friends Advisory Council
January 10, 2017

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

Farm-To-Table 2017: The group discussed the different options for venues. Laura reported on a meeting she and Marc had with the staff at the Forest Heights Country Club. A five course meal (inclusive of linens, setup, etc) would cost \$30 per person. Wine/beer would have to be purchased through the club with an additional \$8 cork fee, which would include service. Taxes would be added to the overall bill. The room fee would be waived in lieu of the club being named as one of the sponsors. The group estimated the charges would run the per plate cost up to around \$40. Marc will approach the club to see if they would consider reducing the cork fee. The club suggested that either a Thursday or Friday night would be available.

The chef suggested the possibility of building the menu around a Heritage Dinner theme to coincide with the Remnant Trust Exhibit. The event would be held in the room overlooking the golf course, but could overflow into the ballroom if more space is needed. The club would also post our event to the club's newsletter which may increase attendance.

Dates decided upon were Thursday, June 8 and 22, depending on the availability of the speaker that is chosen for the event.

Anna reported that she has a strong prospect for a \$500 sponsor and should have a commitment soon. She also reported on a possible speaker for the event, Author Pamela Bauer Mueller of Jekyll Island. Anna will check with Ms. Mueller to find out which date she is available so that the date with the country club can be confirmed. Anna suggested that since Ms. Mueller writes about the Low Country that possibly one of the food courses could be a low country item. The chef will be consulted regarding this suggestion and the theme for the dinner. Ann also presented the possibility of offering Kim Kaiser's famous cheese straws during the cocktail hour. She is working with Kim to see if she will make the donation.

January 17 Annual Donors Reception and Remnant Trust Rare Book Exhibit: Bede reported on the upcoming reception to be held in the GSU Museum beginning at 6:30 pm. Invitations are being sent to all library supporters, library employers, the Friends Council, and numerous faculty members.

January 21 African-American Poetry program, Averitt Center/Whitaker Black Box Theater: Henderson Library is a co-sponsor for the event and will be distributing library brochures.

Consolidating Georgia Southern University with Armstrong State University: Bede discussed the possible consolidation and the library implications. An announcement will be made on January 11. The consolidation would be completed by Fall 2018.

Proposal for Friends to Co-Sponsor a Guest Speaker: Laura presented information regarding a possible CLEC speaker, Michael Flaherty. She will obtain a copy of his vita for the group to review.

Our next meeting date will be set once we have the speaker and the country club confirmed.