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Friends of the Henderson Library Essence Notes

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Friends Advisory Council

February 15, 2017

Essence Notes

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

Farm to Table Update:

Anna reported that she has engaged a garden club friend, Janet Ward, to work up the F2T table decorations at a very minimal cost.

Laura stated that Forest Heights Country Club is working up an itemized cost estimate for the dinner. A \$1000 deposit is required and will be applied to the final bill. Once she receives the itemized estimate we will be able to make decisions on:

- Wine: whether to have the country club furnish the wine which will include a cork fee or for us to supply the wine and pay them tax and tip.
- Pre-dinner signature drink - the country club will prepare; what will be our cost?
- How to allow someone who does not want wine to purchase another alcoholic drink.

Bede reported that Ms. Mueller's talk will examine the process of developing the daily menus during the club era, when the club was running a virtually self-sufficient farm-to-table. He added that maybe we could see if she could suggest some dishes that were common or especially popular, which Kevin could then adapt for one or more of our courses.

It was the consensus of the group that we should establish a deadline with the chef for advertising the menu. A theme for the dinner was chosen "Original Farm to Table of Georgia".

Great Minds Lecture Series:

Bede reminded the group that the next lecture will be held on Tuesday, March 7. Professor Robert Batchelor will

Present "Plantation Dreams: Locke, Confucius, and the Making of the Low Country".

Consolidation Update:

Bede gave a brief update on the status of the consolidation process. He will provide the group with more information as it becomes available.