

ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATES

September 21, 2014, Headquarters Library

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hunt Davis at 6.35 pm. The Chair welcomed and introduced members of the Governing Board and Board of Trustees, and staff members of the Library. He acknowledged the efforts of the Membership/Nominating Committee and Events Committee who were responsible for arranging the dinner, room set-up and program.

The Chair introduced the Keynote Speaker, Shaney Livingston, Director of the Alachua County Library District who talked about "Your Library District and Foundation: A Strong Partnership for Today and Tomorrow". Ms. Livingston's reported that this has been a busy year with three new collection initiatives. In January, ACLD launched *Freegal*, a downloadable music service -patrons can download 3 items per week to their own device. Checkouts have averaged 300 per month from 3,832 patrons. *Book Club Kits*, to assist book clubs, with 10-12 books, a reading guide, and other information. Eighty-four such kits have been checked out. *Sizzlers* are new books that are placed on the new book shelf that are not on hold. This is a very popular new program.

A few Programming examples, highlighted by the Director, included: *Juneteenth* at Cone Park, author signing programs with Mary Kay Andrews and Kimberla Lawson Roby, teen events such as the 5th *Annual Battle of the Books* at Headquarters and the *Mini Comic-Con* at the Millhopper Branch. Children's events such as the *Newberry Gingerbread House*, *The Very Harry Potter Halloween*, *Lego Club* and *Bubbles* were successful and exciting for kids. The new *Summer Reading Program & Palooza* was a huge success throughout the District.

Ms. Livingston thanked the Alachua County Library District Foundation for its support over the years and shared photos of the Snuggle Up Centers and Teen Spaces funded by the Foundation. She also thanked the Foundation for their continued active advocating for the Library District during the Legislative Session. Ms. Livingston shared the Future Capital Projects schedule so the Foundation will have an idea of our expansions and plan accordingly for future funding of Snuggle Up Centers and Teen Spaces.

Barbara Scott, Vice Chair, gave an update on "Insuring the Legacy" campaign, our core fundraising effort during 2013 and 2014 to raise \$100,000 is nearing a successful conclusion largely thanks to:

- \$28,000 from the Foundation's Board of Directors

- an additional \$10,000 from the Associates
- The UF Campaign for Charities has generated \$15,000
- The Ehrhart Family Foundation has contributed \$10,000.
- The Friends of the Library have given \$10,000 to honor five of its members with leaves on Katherine's Tree.
- The Quinn Family Foundation has given \$6,000 for KT leaves the Kosman Foundation \$4,000 for the annual Guy Hudspeth Award.

Anticipated income prior to the end of the Campaign on Dec. 31, 2014 is expected to raise the total to \$99,316 from the current \$93,016.

Highlights of the Annual report covering the period 10/1/2013 to 9/21/2014 were presented by the Chair, Hunt Davis. To carry out the mission and vision of the Foundation we have seventy-three Associates memberships (39 individual & 34 household) for a total of 108 individual members. From this group we have an elected Board of Directors composed of four officers and eighteen other members (three of whom are ex officio) to direct the business of the Foundation. The membership constitutes a core group for carrying out the fundraising that enables the Foundation to provide supplemental funding to the Library.

The two-year insuring the Legacy Campaign to raise \$100,000 in order to have an endowment of one million dollars is nearing successful completion as reported by Barbara Scott. Support for our fundraising efforts next year will come in part from again participating in the UF Campaign for Charities and in promoting Katherine's Tree, which provides a significant mechanism for raising funds with its minimum of \$2,000 to purchase a leaf on the Tree.

Thanks to our healthy endowment and successful fundraising, the Foundation funded two projects this year at the renovated Partnership Branch: \$15,000 for the Snuggle Up Center in the rejuvenated Children's Area and \$25,000 for the new Teen Space.

The Foundation continues to take steps to increase its visibility in the community. One major way has been to publish and disburse brochures with the expertise of Nickie Kortus and Scot Sterling of the library staff. Nickie Kortus has also been of great assistance with other publicity that has enhanced the Foundation's visibility. The Foundation's web page (www.acldfound.org) constitutes another important vehicle for publicity, thanks to the work of John Tucker.

Plans for the coming year include:

Successful completion of the "Insuring the Legacy" Fundraising Campaign, the Partick O'Brian non-gala event, and another Katherine's Tree reception in early 2015. We will continue to recruit new Associates and work with the Library Director to identify new projects for Foundation support. The Chair concluded his remarks by asking the Associates to use the literature provided at the table to recruit a new Associate and/or solicit a gift as part of the "Insuring the Legacy" Campaign.

Solicit a legacy donor.

Treasurer Mitzi Austin, presented the interim Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 2013-2014. Balances were \$19,816.10 in The Merrill Lynch EMA account; \$1531.05 in Florida Citizens Bank; and \$26,300 in the Snuggle-Up centers account. The Merrill Lynch Endowment account had an ending balance of \$977,990.74 plus \$62,454.59 in Endowment II account. Total Foundation assets as of 9/18/2014 were \$1,088,847.73. A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached and is a part of these minutes.

The proposed budget for the upcoming year was presented and adopted. It lists a projected income of \$32,650 and anticipated expenses of \$3925 and transfer of \$28,725 to the endowment investment account.

Three new associates and four new family associates were recognized and presented with the traditional umbrella gifts by Jeanne Davis, Co-chair of the Membership/Nominating Committee. Polly Doughty, also Co-Chair of the Committee presided over the election of new members and officers of the Board of Directors. New Directors are Anne Haisley, Lynne Holt and Doris Hargrave (term ending in 2017). Yvonne Currie and Barbara Ornstein have retired. Officers of the Board for next year are Hunt Davis, Jr. Chair, Pushpa Kalra, Vice Chair, Barbara Scott, Secretary and Mitzi Austin, Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 7.30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Pushpa Kalra, Secretary.