

# ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION, INC.

Annual Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2015

The annual meeting of the Associates was called to order by the Chair, Hunt Davis, Jr. who welcomed the general membership and commented on the good attendance (approximately 60 attendees). Hunt also recognized special guests in attendance: Dr. Leanetta McNealy, Board of Governors Chair and representative from the School Board (which she also chairs); Michael Allard, Board of Trustees Chair; Helen Warren, Board of Governors representative from the City Commission; Dr. Sheila Dickison, Board of Trustees, Shaney Livingston, Vivian Alexander, Phyllis Filer and Joyce Webb, District Library Staff; and John Ritter, Chair of the Friends of the Library.

Darlene Marshall, award-winning author, and our speaker for the evening presented her talk entitled "Where Do You Find Information about Possums, Pirates and Picolata? Researching Novels." Darlene emphasized the use of Interlibrary Loan Search, children's history books, reference librarians (who if they can't locate information probably knows someone who can provide it). The author answered several questions from the audience including one about the publication of her books in foreign countries (including Estonia). Although Darlene was not identified to the audience by her real name, for the sake of accurate history, she is in actuality our own Board member, Eve Ackerman.

The minutes of the 2014 annual meeting, previously approved by the Board of Directors at their November, 2014 meeting, were distributed to the membership for information only.

Shaney Livingston, Director of the Alachua County Library District, presented an update on the activities of the Library District which included a big thank you to our Foundation for our support. Shaney noted the comfortable, new blue chairs we were sitting in at the moment which replaced the old chairs that had been in use for 25 years. The recently installed chiller also replaced a 25 year system which is projected to save \$40,000 per year in utilities cost. (As an example: The utilities for the month of July, 2015, were \$13,000 and for July, 2014, \$17,000.) This installation is one of only three in the State to date. Shaney also mentioned the authors' series sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the sensory story time for altruistic children, and the recent exhibit and program on "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," all recent activities of the District.

The current building program for the District includes the recent expansion and remodel of the Newberry Branch, the ongoing expansion of High Springs Branch and the preliminary prep work for the remodel of the Tower Waldo for future Library use including a new branch library.

The annual report from the Chair is attached and is a part of these minutes. Hunt highlighted the following for the membership: \$107,000 was raised by our two year Legacy Campaign, the Foundation contributed \$50,000 for the remodeling of the Newberry Branch which held the grand re-opening this summer, and the Non-event fundraiser realized \$6,000 in revenue. Hunt also mentioned the success of our participation in the U.F. Campaign for Charities, the contribution for 8 new leaves including the Guy Hudspeth Award funded by the Kosman

Foundation which recognizes an outstanding District staff person and grants from the Ehrhart Foundation and the B.J. and Eve Wilder Family Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 each.

Treasurer Mitzi Austin presented the financial report for the fiscal year to date (the fiscal year does not end until September 30) showing ending balances of \$17,324.25 in the Merrill Lynch EMA Account (checking), \$2,069.26 in Florida Citizens Bank, \$1,033,301.48 in total Endowment Accounts, and \$26,232.08 in the Snuggle Up Centers Account. Total assets as of 9/15/2015 are \$1,079,057.43. The report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The proposed budget for 2015-2016 fiscal year as presented by the Treasurer lists total expected income and expenses of \$30,000 each. Howard Rosenblatt moved the adoption of the budget and it was passed without objection. A copy is attached to these minutes.

The Treasurer also remarked that the Financial Committee was engaged in exploring whether or not the Board should be asked to approve following our long term Financial Advisor Jeff Hogue to UBS Financial Services or remain with Merrill Lynch which would necessitate a new advisor.

The recognition of new members who joined during this past year was conducted by Jeanne Davis, Membership Committee Co-chair, and umbrellas were presented to those new members present: Maggie MacDonald, Steven and Melanie Brandt, and Helen Warren and Flo Turcotte.

Polly Doughty, Co-chair of the Membership Committee, presented the following nominees for office: Pushpa Kalra, Chair; and Tom Rider, Vice-Chair (2 year terms). Hunt Davis, Jr. to be elected as secretary to a 1 year term. Treasurer Mitzi Austin has another year left in her term. Vivian Filer, Justine Vaughn Fry, Jon Reiskind, and Tom Rider were presented as new Board members for 3 year terms. Ann Williams moved the election of the above as well as the re-election of the following continuing Board members: Joanne Auth, Pushpa Kalra, William Zegel, Jeanne Davis and Barbara Scott and the motion was passed without objection.

Pushpa Kalra was introduced to the membership as the new Chair and she presented to outgoing Chair Hunt Davis a plaque in recognition of his outstanding service and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Scott, Secretary