

ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION, INC.

Annual Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2017

The annual meeting of the Associates was called to order by the Chair, Pushpa Kalra, who welcomed the general membership. Approximately 50 Associates attended. This was particularly successful given the hurricane earlier in the month. Pushpa thanked Mary White, Ann Williams, Jeanne Davis, Anne Haisley, Barbara Scott, and Joanne Ault for their contributions to the event.

Shaney Livingston, ACLD Director, welcomed the Associates to the library and updated the membership on the year's activities. She thanked the Foundation for its contributions to the Tower Road branch. She also explained that the library is expanding to address new directions, such as areas with sewing machines and kitchen areas for cooking demonstrations. Successes of the past year include conferences, authors series, awards, and the summer reading program, among others. The budget was well managed while incorporating the Tower Road branch renovation and expansion and the acquisition of property for the Library Partnership branch.

Pushpa then noted that the past year has been successful for the Foundation. As of August 31, 2017, the Foundation had a total endowment of \$1,200,994. During the year \$45,800 was provided towards a Snuggle Up Center and \$15,000 for a Teen Zone at the Tower Road Branch. Katherine's Tree continues to be successful, with the spring reception for donors and recipients. There are now 110 associates, including household memberships.

This past year the policy for distributing funds was modified, with a formula that allows greater flexibility in accessing funds.

Fundraising has been successful through membership, the Non-event Author Gala, the UF Campaign for Charities, and Katherine's Tree. (See ACLD Foundation Annual Report for 10/1/2016-9/30/2017)

Kevin McCarthy, retired Professor of English at the University of Florida and author of numerous books, spoke on Banned Books and Naughty Words. He began with illustrations of bad and banished words on a variety of topics, illustrating blasphemies and obscenities. Kevin noted that saying bad words relieves stress. He also discussed euphemisms and other means of avoiding bad words. Finally, Kevin discussed banned books and some of the reasons for banning them. His talk was accompanied by visuals which contributed to the entertaining nature of his presentation.

Mitzi Austin, Treasurer, noted that her report only goes through the end of August 2017. Since most of the dues come in shortly before the September annual meeting, her report does not include these funds. Nevertheless, the figures she gave showed an increase in the endowment. Donations were received from the Wilder family, Erhardt Foundation, Katherine's Tree leaves, Non-gala Event, and miscellaneous donations. Changes were also made to maximize the return on the investment. The Wilder donation was presented to the library, as well as the money for the Tower Road Snuggle Up Center and Teen Space. The ending balance as of 8/31/17 for the UBS checking account was \$10,003.85; for the Harbor Community bank account, \$8989.58; and for the UBS Endowment account, \$1,182,000.58. The UBS Snuggle Up Centers account was used for the Tower Road center and now has a \$00.00 balance. Total assets were \$1,200,994.01. This is up approximately \$55,000 over last year at that time. Mitzi proposed a budget of \$37,000 for the coming year, which was approved unanimously. (See ACLD Foundation Treasurer's Report 10/01/16-08/31/17).

Maggie MacDonald recognized with the gift of the foundation umbrella new Associates Lee and Barbara Dockery, Bob and Gwen Lombard, and Art and Sue Sandeen.

Pushpa thanked retiring board members Vivian Filer, Lynne Holt, and Anne Haisley. Marilyn Tubb will be joining the board this year.

Barbara Scott, Membership Committee, presented the nominations for the coming year's officers: Bill Burger, Chair; Jon Reiskind, Vice Chair; Brian Gendreau, Treasurer; and Maggie MacDonald, returning Secretary. The candidates were approved unanimously.

Bill Burger thanked Puspha for her service to the board and presented her with a plaque to commemorate the board's appreciation.

Bill then noted that his approach for the coming year would be "if it isn't broken, don't to fix it." Therefore, he will continue to steer the board on the path that has proven successful under Pushpa's leadership.

He stated that the Foundation will continue to support the library to protect against government cuts, consulting with Shaney to determine what is needed to provide that support.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie MacDonald, Secretary