Women’s Club at UCF, Inc.

Spring Meeting

Heathrow Country Club

April 11, 2016

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME:

President Sarah Magann extended a warm welcome to attendees.

Ann Simpson, Membership Chair and Vice President, asked all past Women’s Club presidents to stand and be recognized along with the “Originals”, founding members of the Women’s Club. Ann introduced recent new members Zalpha Hashem, Linda Hennig, Taru Joshi, and Ann Taylor. Guests were introduced by inviting member.

Sarah Magann highlighted Club “Successes” for the 2015-16 year.

Sarah gave instructions for the “Tabletop Discussions” to gain input from members regarding interest groups and fundraising events for scholarship. In addition, Sarah acknowledged that centerpieces were to be given as door prizes to members who had a special notation on their program.

A delicious luncheon of tomato basil soup, chicken club salad, rolls, and a duo of desserts was served.

SPEAKER:

I-Dignity Director of Development, Anne Taylor, spoke to the purpose of her organization which ties into our theme of “Engaging with the Community”. Club member, Debbie Manuel, is on the board and several additional members are volunteers. Marty Murray, volunteer and Club member, introduced the speaker.

I-Dignity was founded by downtown Orlando churches in May 2008 to provide “proof and hope”. One in ten U.S. adults do not have identification; 16,000 of which live in our community. Their stories are many and varied. Having proper identification assures better lives and community involvement.

Once a month, 230 clients are served. All areas of government, 100 different nonprofits, and 100 volunteers are brought together under one roof reducing complications of legally proving identification and costs. Volunteers give time and generate funds. Club members were encouraged to take a tour and explore volunteer opportunities.

On behalf of the Women’s Club, Ann Simpson thanked Ms. Taylor with a donation to I-Dignity.

Ann thanked program committee members Ginny Holmes, Etta Jean Juge, Frances Leland, Mary Ann Kaesberg, Sarah Magann, Maria Ramirez, Roberta Shoopman, Ann Simpson, and Kathy Weise for a wonderful Spring Meeting, and encouraged guests to become Club members by registering on-line. In addition, Ann encouraged members to sign-up for the fall and spring program committees.

WOMEN’S CLUB BUSINESS:

Constitution and By-law Revisions: Members were provided with board approved recommended amendments on 3/17/2016. Included was rationale behind the proposed changes. President, Sarah Magann, asked for approval of one vote for approval of proposed changes. Kathy Weise moved and Lynn Moharam seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Kathy Weise then moved to accept all proposed changes to the Club’s Constitution and By-laws as presented by the Board of Directors on 3/17/ 2016 to the membership. Lynn Moharam seconded. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Lynn Moharam, Secretary, reported that board minutes from March 11, 2016 were approved and have been posted to the website. In addition to board meeting minutes being posted on-line, Lynn informed that board meetings are open to all members. The Club directory is kept current and members can print as they wish. Lynn noted the Club website and password:

Treasurer, Kathy Weise, began her report by thanking legal counsel, Merrell Bailey, for her guidance. Current balance in the checking account is $13,438.69 as of 4/6/2016. Balance in Share Savings Account is $5,024.16 as of 3/31/2016. The annual report to the Florida Secretary of State is due by 5/1/2016 and will be filed following the election of new officers at the Spring Luncheon Meeting.

Maggie LeClair, Scholarship Chair, along with Linda Hennig, “Steppin’ Out” volunteer, and Roberta Shoopman, Clothing Sale chair, highlighted Club activities which support scholars. These two events generated over $8,000 in donations to our scholarship funds. This is in addition to over $10,000 in donations from Women Club members, UCF faculty/staff, and friends of the University.

Interest Group chair, Judy Simonet, reviewed the accomplishments of the Club’s 18 interest groups along with how they engaged with the community. Activities clearly reflect the Club’s Mission Statement. Judy asked Interest Group chairs to stand and be recognized.

Karen Monteleone, UCF Foundation Liaison, thanked members for their service, philanthropy, and advocacy to UCF. Karen announced that “Ignite”, the University’s second comprehensive campaign will launch in September 2016.

The members of the Board of Directors for the 2015-16 year were recognized and thanked for their service by Sarah Magann.

Ann Simpson, Vice President and Membership chair, Kathy Weise, Treasurer, Lynn Moharam, Secretary, Maggie LeClair, Scholarship Chair, Mary Meeker, Immediate Past President, Beth Barnes, Past President and Parliamentarian, Dell Shadgett, Past President and Historian, Jenifer Rupert, Website chair, Bette Boston, Sunshine chair, Ruthie Rieder, Newsletter editor, Judy Simonet, Interest Group chair, Roberta Shoopman, Clothing Sale chair, and Karen Monteleone, UCF Foundation liaison.

Bette Boston was recognized for her many years of service to the Women’s Club. She received a plaque acknowledging her as our

Sunshine Ambassador, and a donation was made to the scholarship fund by the board in her honor. In addition, Bette was celebrated as today was her 85th birthday.

Bette in turn made a generous donation to the Women’s Club scholarship funds.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS:

Mary Meeker, Nominating Committee chair, presented the slate of officers for 2016-2017:

President - Kathy Weise

Vice President – Margaret Osteen

Secretary – Teresa Riedel

Treasurer – Lynn Moharam

The motion was made that we accept the slate by acclamation by Ann Simpson with a second from Ali Armstrong. The members voted unanimously to accept the slate of officers, and they were sworn in. Sarah Magann welcomed Kathy Weise as the new president and turned the gavel over to her.

Kathy presented a gift of thanks to Sarah Magann for dedicated service as president. Kathy then announced the new Board for 2016-2017.

In addition to executive board members, standing committee members include:

Sarah Magann - Immediate Past President/Advisor

Maggie LeClair - Scholarship Chair

Karen Monteleone - UCF Foundation Liaison

Dell Shadgett – Historian

Beth Barnes – Parliamentarian

Roberta Shoopman –Clothing Sale Chair

Judy Simonet – Interest Group Chair

Jenifer Rupert – Website Chair

Ruthie Rieder - Newsletter Editor

Martha Ricard - Program Chair

The Women’s Club theme for next year will be “Moving Forward by Giving Back” in keeping with the Club’s motto.

Kathy noted that feedback from our table top discussions was important to meeting member commitment/needs as well as developing funds for scholarship. The feedback will be evaluated and recommendations made.

Kathy encouraged members to save the following dates: 1) Membership dues are payable July 1 through October 1. Renewal of membership reminders will be forwarded by the Treasurer. Guests and members were encouraged to join or renew. 2) The fall luncheon meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2016 at the Fairwinds Alumni Center.

We adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Moharam

Secretary