

Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes of January 19, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm in the JABA Center in the Library building. In attendance were Kathy Ladika, Betsy Martin, Lisa Thomas, Nancy Ford, the Branch Librarian, Ginny Reese, and guest, June Battaile. Mary Jo Sopelak was unable to attend due to her job demands.

Library Grounds Maintenance. June Battaile, the landscape coordinator, outlined the estimate of work received from Swift Run Lawn & Landscape for the yearly upkeep and maintenance of the library landscaping. On January 14, the contractor had trimmed the abelias, cut back the liropes, and cleaned up and hauled away debris. Most of the contractor work estimate was approved by the Board, with an additional \$200.00 allocated in the budget. The volunteers will continue to do some work (mulching, clean-up) in between the contractor's visits.

Treasury Report. Since the last meeting (Nov. 17), membership/donation deposits totaled 1,141.00; expenditures were \$60.00 for holiday gift cards for the library staff and \$26.00 for Bibliophiles. Current treasury balance is \$4,437.00.

Memberships. Lisa Thomas reported that there were 5 new members in December and 3 so far in January. There are about 95 current members in the organization.

Festival of the Book. Ginny Reese advised that plans are set for the March 2016 Festival of the Book event at the Greene Branch. **Leanna Joyner, author of *Hiking Through History: Civil War Sites on the Appalachian Trail***, will be the guest author on **Friday, March 18, starting at 7:00 pm**. In the past, the event at Greene has had a high attendance rate, and this year's should attract a lot of interest because of the subject that is close to home. Refreshments will be served and the author will have copies of her book for sale. This event is one of Library's main annual programs.

Annual Meeting Plans. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to working out details of the annual membership meeting scheduled for Friday evening, January 29. The agenda was established, starting with socializing and partaking of refreshments. The event will be catered by "About You Catering" (Gil and Lorraine Zentgraf). The Notice of Meeting was emailed and/or sent by post to all members on January 15, and *The Record* was asked to print a submitted notice in the 1/21 and 1/28 editions of the paper. (It did appear in the Jan. 28 edition.).

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next scheduled meeting is the annual membership meeting on January 29 and is open to all. (Minutes submitted by K. Ladika, Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.)