

Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting
Friends of the Greene County Library
January 29, 2016

The social part of the evening began at 6:30 pm with refreshments in the JABA room in the Library building. The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members in attendance were Betsy Martin, Nancy Ford, Lisa Thomas, Kathy Ladika, and Greene Branch Librarian, Ginny Reese. Mary Jo Sopelak was unable to attend due to her work schedule. Twenty-five friends were in attendance. "About You Catering" (Gil and Lorraine Zentgraf) provided the outstanding food for the event.

President's Welcome. Kathy gave opening remarks: thanked all for joining, renewing memberships, and giving extra donations which make it possible to continue certain library programs. She gave a brief update of the Friends current membership (100) and expressed a desire of attaining a membership of 150-200 in the future by continued awareness, visibility, and promotion of the organization. She then introduced the current Board members and outlined the **Financial Report for 2015** as shown in these minutes. The **Proposed Budget for 2016** was inadvertently overlooked for discussion, but is included herein.

Librarian's Update. Ginny highlighted the various library programs and activities, updated the members on planned interior improvements (new carpeting) in the meeting room and the rest of the library in the near future and the exterior landscaping. She mentioned Open-Mic Night on February 5, the Big Read (*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*) in March, and the Festival of the Book guest, Leanna Joyner, at the Greene Branch on March 18.

Ginny discussed the Early Literacy Activities program which runs from February 2 to March 2. Early literacy is what children, birth to age 5, know about reading and writing **before** they actually read or write. All the JMRL branches have books, music, early literacy classes, and library staff to help build a child's early literacy skills.

When discussing the need for a leader of the Sharks group, Ginny invited Peter Bramley to speak about the young boys' group (ages 9-13). Peter had been the leader of the group and gave an inspiring talk about the importance of getting that age-group of boys together mainly to talk about books they read.

Ginny wrapped up her briefing segment by asking the attendees to give us their ideas and opinions on what activities they would like to have at the library, such as a waltzing class (at the PVCC Center), arts and crafts classes, etc.

Request for Volunteers. Kathy mentioned setting up a volunteer program that would be a corps of Friends who would assist at library events and activities. A new Volunteer sign-up form is available at the library.

Board of Directors Election. Vice-President Betsy Martin made a motion for the reelection of Lisa Thomas and Kathy Ladika and the election of a new Director, Ellen Thurnau. Director Nancy Ford seconded the motion and members voted aye by voice acclamation. The Board of Directors consists of six with a maximum of seven allowed by the bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:45 pm; visiting and noshing continued for a little while longer. The next scheduled Board meeting is March 15 and is open to the public. The Financial Report for FY-2015 and the Proposed Budget for FY-2016 follow. Minutes respectfully submitted by K. Ladika.

FINANCIAL REPORT
FRIENDS OF THE GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY, INC.
Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2015

Treasury Balance Jan. 1, 2015:	\$2,663.00	
Member Fees/Donations in 2015:	<u>\$3,886.00</u>	
Total Assets:		\$6,549.00

Expenditures in 2015:

* Landscape/Garden Maintenance <u>\$505.00</u>		
* Books for Youth Development Council <u>\$300.00</u>		
* Summer Reading Program Kick-Off <u>\$400.00</u>		
* Open Mic Night <u>\$100.00</u>		
* Author Visit (A. B. Westrick) Honorarium <u>\$325.00</u>		
* 5 Copies of <i>Brotherhood</i> , by A. B. Westrick <u>\$46.00</u>		
* Festival of Book Refreshments <u>\$70.00</u>		
* Reading & Rhyme & Storybook Beat <u>\$25.00</u>		
* Rapunzels <u>\$50.00</u>		
* Bibliophiles <u>\$61.00</u>		
* Sharks <u>\$30.00</u>		
* Easter Egg Hunt <u>\$50.00</u>		
* State Corp. Commission Annual Fee <u>\$25.00</u>		
* Film Night Refreshments <u>\$30.00</u>		
* Giving Tree Party (2014) <u>\$30.00</u>		
* Holiday Gift Cards (6) for Library Staff <u>\$60.00</u>		
Total Expenditures		<u>\$2,107.00</u>
Treasury Balance Dec. 31, 2015:		<u>\$4,442.00</u>

PROPOSED BUDGET
FRIENDS OF THE GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY, INC.
Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2016

Treasury Balance January 1, 2016 **\$4,442.00**

Proposed Expenditures:

- * Landscape/Garden Maintenance - \$900
- * Summer Reading Program Kick-Off - \$600
- * Books for Youth Development Council - \$300
- * Open Mic Night - \$150
- * Author Visit (none scheduled for 2016)
- * Festival of the Book Refreshments - \$75
- * Rapunzels - \$125
- * Bibliophiles - \$100
- * Sharks - \$50
- * Easter Egg Hunt - \$60
- * State Corporation Commission Fee - \$25
- * Monthly Film Night Refreshments - \$50
- * Annual Meeting (January) - \$200

Proposed Expenditures: **\$2,635.00**

POSSIBLE NEW PROGRAMS:

- * Books for Food Pantry Handout
- * New Little Free Libraries
- * Arts and Crafts Sessions