

*Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes of March 15, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting*

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Kathy Ladika, Betsy Martin, Mary Jo Sopelak, Nancy Ford, Ellen Thurnau, and the Branch Librarian, Ginny Reese. Lisa Thomas was unable to attend due to family commitments.

Treasurer's Report. There is a balance of \$4,562.27 in the Friends' checking account. Expenditures since the last meeting were in support of landscaping (\$325), catering (\$200) and refreshments (\$9.37) for the annual meeting in January, and the open mic night event and Bibliophile group (\$121.33). Since the January meeting, deposits from renewal and new membership donations of \$695.00 have been received.

Membership Report. Since the January meeting eighteen (18) new members have joined and ten (10) members have renewed. The reminder post cards are working well in getting members to renew. There are currently about 105 Friends.

Publicity Report. The March-April newsletter issue was distributed 28-FEB-2016. The Vine web site was identified as another means to increase awareness of library-related events. A notice will be sent via email to all Friends members reminding them of the Festival of the Book event. The Greene County *Record* published a notice in the "In and Around Greene" section of the paper. (Subsequent to the board meeting, the *Record* included a nice article about the festival and the author in the March 17 edition.)

Festival of the Book Author Event. Final plans were completed for the presentation by Leanna Joyner of her book, "HIKING THROUGH HISTORY: CIVIL WAR SITES ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL" at 7:00 pm 18-MAR-2016. The Board voted to approve a \$75 expenditure for the use of the Community Room of PVCC's Giuseppe Center. This amount is in addition to the previously approved \$75 for event refreshments. (PVCC has recently started charging a fee of \$25 an hour for the use of the Community Room.)

Little Free Library. The Little Free Library (LFL) located outside of the Greene County Library Branch has been very successful. The group discussed possible options to expand the program, including benefits to the community, potential locations, buying/making of the unit/s, and ongoing oversight. The Board voted to submit an article to the Greene County *Record* about the LFL program, with Betsy Martin volunteering to write the article. The article will include an invitation for community members who are interested in starting a LFL in their neighborhood or have questions about the program to attend the next Board meeting on May 17.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 17-MAY-2016 at 6:30 pm with the leading topic concerning possible expansion of the Little Free Library program. All board meetings are open to the public and community participation is welcomed.

Submitted by Mary Jo Sopelak, Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.