

*Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes of September 27, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting*

The meeting convened at 6:40 pm in the Library. In attendance were Kathy Ladika, Erin Breeden, Betsy Martin, Lisa Thomas, Ellen Thurnau, guest June Battaile, and the Branch Librarian Ginny Reese. Mary Jo Sopelak and Nancy Ford were absent.

Treasurer's Report. The balance in the Friends checking account is \$4,106.35. Deposits since the July 19 meeting total \$655.00. Expenditures total \$416.06 which cover \$200.00 for guest author W. Hauter; \$100.00 for four art contest prizes; \$25.00 for the annual State Corporation Commission fee; \$26.26 for the *Zootopia* movie; \$28.97 for Bibliophiles snacks; and \$35.83 for events refreshments.

Ginny requested approval of future expenditures for refreshments for the Oct. 19 monster party and Nov. 8 reading summit. \$50.00 was approved for each event.

The Giving Tree. The holiday Giving Tree will be set up in the Library in early November. This program is an opportunity for the community to purchase new books for Greene County Public Schools preschool kids for Christmas by picking "hands" from the tree that identify whether a boy or girl and age.

Librarian's Report. Ginny talked about the Reading Summit scheduled for Nov. 8 from 1-3:00 pm at the Library which focuses on early literacy, kindergarten readiness, and support of a reading culture throughout the students' school years. The summit is by invitation and will include representative Greene County Schools personnel, the School Board, area preschools and daycares, and representatives from County staff, community agencies and service/volunteer groups that may have an interest in early literacy and reading. Speakers will include reps from Smart Beginnings, Thomas Jefferson area United Way, ReadyKids, Small Steps Preschool, Greene County Schools, and JMRL staff. Two other programs are planned for the future: "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" and "Reach Out and Read" that address the importance of exposure to words and books from the earliest days of a child's life, especially those in at-risk situations or environment.

Friends Awareness Month. November is Friends Awareness Month and one goal is to encourage families with young children to join. The current membership consists largely of long-time members who faithfully renew every year. There has been a drop-off of new (in 2015) members who have not renewed so far this year. During November, the library staff will insert a bookmark about the Friends organization in borrowed books.

Library Parking Lot. June Battaile raised the issue of trying to keep the Library parking lot free of cigarette butts by setting out containers for smokers to dispose of them. Ginny mentioned that the County will be putting out signs in the future on “no smoking within 30 feet of County buildings”.

Membership Secretary, Lisa Thomas, announced her resignation from the Board of Directors due to a full schedule of job and family commitments. The Board thanks Lisa for her time, involvement, and ideas for the past three years.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is November 15 and will start at 5:30 p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by K. Ladika.