

## **Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.**

Minutes of November 21, 2017

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm in the Library. In attendance were Kathy Ladika, Nancy Ford, Ellen Thurnau, Jo McKeown, Mary Jo Sopelak, Betsy Martin, Erin Breeden and Branch Manager Ginny Reese.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The balance of the treasury is \$6,223.27. Deposits since September 19 total \$705. Expenditures since September 19 total \$319.23 and cover a payment to Swift Run Lawn and Landscape (\$100.00); coffee supplies (\$37.28 ); checks (\$15.77); Lego and Sensory Bin supplies (\$161.04); and Rapunzel supplies (\$5.14).

#### **Membership Update**

Membership totals 117 Friends with 1 new and 13 renewals since September 19 meeting.

#### **Barn Quilt Update**

Ellen Thurnau reported that she has started the square for the library exterior. Treasurer Erin Breeden gave Ellen a check for our \$200 donation to the Art Guild for the barn quilt.

#### **Ginny's updates and requests for funding**

1. A new project begins in February— Chronicles of Yarnia, a monthly meeting of textile crafters. Cindy Ritter will host each month. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30. Ginny requests \$100 in the 2018 budget to cover hot beverages.
2. Saturday Matinee at the Library meets quarterly and is hosted by Holly Huffman. Ginny requests \$100 in the 2018 budget to cover costs for the DVD and refreshments.
3. The anti-smoking signs in the breezeway in front of the library are working well in keeping the smokers at bay.

#### **Proposed Budget for 2018**

\* The Board worked on the 2018 budget to finalize for approval at the annual meeting. Erin provided a summary of the 2017 expenditures to date which will be finalized at the end of the year for presentation at the annual meeting

\* Ginny said the Greene Branch would not be hosting an author for the Virginia Festival of the Book in March due to the fact that she would be out of town attending a

conference. We decided to keep the money designated for that event in hopes of having an author visit at some time during the year. NOTE: As a follow-up to the meeting, Secretary Jo McKeown offered (in Ginny's absence) to do the work necessary to have an author at our library during the Festival event.

**Library Landscaping.** Discussion centered on the Friends' treasury cost of maintaining the landscaping in light of no longer having any volunteers to do some of the work. One estimate request had been sent in early October to Swift Run Lawn & Landscape, but no response received to date. NOTE: As a follow-up to the meeting, President Kathy Ladika sent letters to Blue Ridge Lawn Care and Miguel's Lawn Service requesting estimates for annual maintenance if they are interested in providing the service.

**Annual Membership Meeting** will be Friday, January 19, at the Lafayette Inn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next scheduled Board meeting is the annual membership meeting, January 19, 2018, starting at 6:30 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jo McKeown.