

Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes of March 21, 2017
Board of Directors Meeting

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

Treasurer's Report. The balance of the Friends treasury is \$5,360.85. Deposits since January 1 total \$571.16. Expenditures since January 1 total \$1,438.60 and cover the annual membership meeting at the Lafayette Inn (\$345.00); landscape contractor (\$325.00); Sharks Club books and DVD (\$255.50); Virginia Discovery Museum Starlab (\$200.00); Haney Ripley Family Night Pizzas (\$123.03); and coffee supplies (\$26.97). (A \$63.10 credit for Sharks expenditures will be returned to the Treasury, per Ginny.)

Membership Statistics. Kathy mentioned that membership is around 110 Friends. (During the 6-month period July-December 2016, 20 members did not renew. However, so far this year (3 months) there have been 21 renewed memberships, most of which were in January.) **It is worth noting that many members have been donating larger monetary amounts with their annual renewals.**

Administrative Board Matters. **Officer Duties** – Discussion was had on including membership duties in the Board Secretary functions and Jo McKeown agreed to assume those duties. A motion was made and seconded to vote Jo as Board Secretary effective immediately. Mary Jo Sopelak will remain on the Board as Director -- many thanks and appreciation to Mary Jo for her time as Secretary. **Visibility of Friends Material** – The issue was raised about making the Friends material (membership forms, Newsletters, etc.) in the library more noticeable and accessible. Suggestions were made about location (the lobby) and types of display. Ellen offered to take on this project to find a suitable type of display. **IRS Documentation** – To keep the tax-exempt status of the Corporation, Erin will file the annual e-postcard to the IRS by May 15. **Officers' Duties Update** – Kathy will revise the “duties of the officers” document and make the necessary changes to the bylaws to reflect the changes in the Secretary position.

Outdoor Benches. Jo offered to order the teak benches that will be placed outside the main library doors. Funding in the amount of \$500.00 was approved last December, and the cost balance will be covered by a member's donation.

Festival of the Book. Greene Branch is ready to host Claudia Kalb to discuss her book, *Andy Warhol was a Hoarder: Inside the Minds of History's Great Personalities*, on Thursday evening, March 23.

Business Friends. The topic of attracting local Greene businesses to join the Friends was raised. Kathy asked all to think of ideas on how to get more small business owners to join. Our goal could be modest to start...maybe 10-15 new supporters. Kathy will follow up with the Board on this... consider it a Spring “friend raiser” campaign.

Report from Ginny. * Michele’s teen groups will start to meet every Wednesday starting this summer. The plan is to have unstructured gatherings where they are able to hang out together. * The summer reading program kickoff is scheduled for June 5 with most of the same activities planned. Ginny wants to try to get more kids inside the library during the event to acquaint them with what’s available for them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next scheduled Board meeting is May 16 and is open to the public. Minutes respectfully submitted by K. Ladika.