

Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes of July 18, 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 \$5,118.30. Deposits since May 16 total \$340.00. Expenditures since May 16 total \$237.77 and cover two plaques for the outdoor benches (\$51.00); Kickoff supplies (\$163.36); bin sensory program containers (\$16.27); and coffee supplies (\$7.14).

Membership Statistics. Membership totals 112 Friends with 4 new and 7 renewals since May.

Administrative Board Matters. Directors terms and re-election of officers – Kathy suggested that we discuss revising the bylaws so that all board directors may serve three-year terms rather than two year terms. We voted in favor of the change and the board members present endorsed the amended bylaws. Directors now can serve two consecutive three-year terms. Re-elected for an additional one-year term were officers: Kathy Ladika, President; Betsy Martin, Vice President; and Erin Breeden, Treasurer.

Books for the YDC. Ginny advised that she will order the additional books for the fall group of the youth development council camp kids.

Library Landscaping. We no longer have volunteers to maintain the flower beds, and the county will only provide mowing services. Ginny made a strong pitch that the Friends continue to provide funds for contractor work. Kathy suggested an option that, because of the high estimate we received from the contractor in early 2016, we consider keeping only the beds in front of the library and at the entrance sign and let those across the parking lot revert to grass. She will ask Matt Dunn of Swift Run Lawn & Landscape to provide a cost estimate for maintaining the beds throughout the year. The Spotswood Trail Garden Club continues to maintain the Reading Garden. Also, Betsy volunteered to write an article for the Greene County Record asking for new volunteers while thanking June and John Battaile and past volunteers for their work.

Barn Quilt. We voted to budget \$200.00 for a 3x3-foot quilt square as part of the County Tourism and Palette Art Gallery project. Ellen will contact Vyvyan Rundgren and ask her to choose an appropriate pattern and colors for the library building.

Ginny Reese, Branch Manager. Ginny described how she uses the budgeted money from the regional Friends and how our donations supplement that. We are the only library branch that has its own Friends group.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next scheduled Board meeting is September 19 and is open to the public. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jo McKeown.