

**FRIENDS OF THE GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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

Treasurer's Report The balance of the treasury is \$5,837.50. Deposits since July 18 total \$849.00. Expenditures since July 18 total \$129.80 and cover a payment to Swift Run Lawn and Landscape (\$100.00); snacks for Bibliophiles (\$4.80) and the annual payment to the State Corporation Commission (\$25.00).

Membership Statistics Membership totals 116 Friends with 4 new and 21 renewals since July 18.

Ginny's updates and requests for funding A) Holly has two popular programs coming up in September for which she would like supplies: It's Bin Fun for toddlers and Lego Mania for ages Kindergarten Plus. She requests \$123.19 for Sensory Bin supplies and \$37.85 for Lego supplies, for a total of \$161.04. Kathy motioned to approve the expenditure and Nancy seconded. The motion passed. B) Smoking near the building continues to be a problem, especially under the porch at the benches. Ginny has ordered ten NO SMOKING signs to post in the area, and the library staff will start enforcing the ban under the porch and in the Reading Garden. C) Each library of JMRL now has toy collections that can be checked out like books. There is a slideshow about them on the front page of the website. Ginny will write an article for the November newsletter about the toy program.

Landscaping Kathy will write a letter to Swift Run Lawn and Landscape to request an estimate for upkeep of the flower beds in 2018. Also, one of the holly bushes at the entrance to the library is not doing well. She will ask Matt Dunn to remove it and to give us an estimate for covering the space with landscape stones and a large pot for flowers.

Barn Quilt Status Ellen brought examples of quilt squares, both traditional and abstract. We chose two preferences, the Library Quilt and Book Nerd.

Friends Awareness Month November is Friends Awareness Month. Kathy will send out a letter to a different set of small businesses. Also, Ginny volunteered to talk up membership with parents attending library programs, especially Sensory Bin and Lego Mania.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next scheduled Board meeting is November 21 and will be the budget planning session. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jo McKeown.