

Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.

Minutes of September 17, 2019, Called Meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm in the Library conference room. In attendance were Susan Bramley, Erin Breeden, Ellen Thurnau, Judith Delaney, Haley Yost, and Branch Manager, Ginny Reese.

Minutes from last meeting

The Board approved minutes from last meeting by email prior to meeting.

Introductions and status report by acting chair

The Friends of the Greene County Library is in need of a President and Vice President. The board agreed to reevaluate the duties of each officer again at the next meeting in order to better balance the duties of each board member.

Jan Helmuth was in attendance for the meeting and introduced herself to the board.

Secretary's Report

There is no new news from the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

The balance of the treasury is \$7,926.72. Deposits for July and August total \$222.88. Expenditures total \$1,222.53. These cover cream for the Film Series (\$2.53); Scholarship for Alexis Davidson (\$1,000.00); and landscaping which includes spraying and pulling of weeds (\$220.00).

Membership Report

There have been 3 membership renewals since the last meeting. The current total members of the Friends of the Greene County Library is 89 households. It was discussed how to notify members that their membership is up for renewal. The board decided to email and mail post cards to current members to bring attention to their renewal.

Library News from Branch Manager, Ginny Reese

Ginny passed out copies of the latest publication of Beyond the Books to each board member and pointed out the section that highlights the fall events at the Greene branch.

Old business

Susan will be checking the Friends of the Greene County Library email (friendsofgreenecountylibrary@gmail.com) every few days.

There is no longer a newsletter being sent out by the Friends of the Greene County Library, but branch news and upcoming events can be found on the JMRL website or at the Greene branch.

As covered earlier, the current open positions include President and Vice President.

At the last meeting a concern was raised about hiring individuals that are not licensed or bonded. The concern was focused primarily on the workers of the landscaping company or those who volunteer their time. This will be discussed further with Matt from Swift Run.

The garden beds outside of the library need mulched this fall. June Battaile previously coordinated with Swift Run but Ginny will contact Swift Run about mulching and minor additional work that mainly includes additional weeding. Long term, Ginny reached out to a Friend of the library about coordinating the landscaping, but he has declined the responsibility at this time. Ginny has also been in contact with Hill House Nursery about converting front garden beds so that they incorporate more native plants that require little maintenance. Janet Davis from Hill House Nursery will be creating a proposal for transitioning the beds and for the new plants that will be needed to make this happen. The proposal will be submitted to the JMRL Foundation for funding as a Capital Project.

New Business

Madison-Greene Days: A local community member, Craig Decker, is organizing birthday celebrations for James Madison and Nathaniel Greene. He has asked for the support of the Friends to create and host events between the dates of March 14th and April 11th. At this time the board has decided to not partake.

Tax Status: Erin is working to submit SCC tax status. Susan agreed to be listed as the President for the purposes of submitting documentation until a President is selected.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019. Minutes respectfully submitted by Haley Yost.