

Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.

Minutes of July 27, 2021, Called Meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm in the Library Reading Garden. In attendance were Erin Breeden, Ellen Thurnau, Susan Bramley, Haley Yost, Jan Helmuth, Judith Delaney, and Branch Manager, Ginny Reese.

Minutes from last meeting

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

Treasurer's Report

The balance of the treasury is \$14,360.52. Deposits for June and July total \$1,122.05. Expenditures total \$0.00.

Membership Report

There are a total of 83 members currently.

Library News from Branch Manager, Ginny Reese

COVID-19 Response: JMRL entered tier 1 of their COVID-19 response plan. The library is open to the public without capacity restrictions and all services are available again. The library is operating at normal hours, late fines for adults have resumed, and remote work for staff members has ended. Virtual programming is still happening and in-person programming has not yet resumed but staff members have begun planning for future programs.

Teacher Library Cards: Teacher library cards are now available for teachers that work within the JMRL service area. These cards offer bonus book renewals and no overdue fines. The purpose of these cards is for classroom use so that students have access to additional books within the whole JMRL system. Teachers must show a school ID or contract to obtain this specific card and it must be renewed annually.

Ginny reports lots of new registrations and lots of new faces around the library recently!

Old business

Activity Table in Children's Area: This is a new addition to the library that has interchangeable tops for different kinds of toys (train track, large legos, tinker toys, etc.). At the last meeting, Ginny Reese requested the board's financial support to purchase the toys that correspond with the various activity surfaces. Susan Bramley looked into the price of the various toys needed and reported her findings. The BRIO train sets and

DUPLO animal train kits cost roughly \$60 each and offer three different themes (jungle, arctic, and savanna). She also found farm and safari trains that are approximately \$25 each. Susan also found buckets of fake bugs and lizards.

New Business

Acceptance of Haley Yost's Resignation: Haley Yost resigned her role on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Greene County Library. There is a need for a new secretary and an additional board member to fill the position.

Request for Funding for Story Time: Susan read a proposal from Cindy requesting funding for music and movement supplies to enhance story time. There will be two weekly story times when they resume in-person; one for ages 1-2 and one for ages 3-5. Cindy requested \$800 for various musical instruments and \$425 for floor cushions that would be used exclusively for story time. Ellen Thurnau moved to fund the proposed toys. Judith Delaney seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Natural Playground: Ginny Reese spoke with the Commissioner of Revenue for Greene County about the location of the proposed natural playground for young preschool age patrons and it was determined that the land is part of the library's property. A proposal would need to be written to the county if the project were to move forward. The idea of a Boy Scout looking to complete his Eagle Scout project may be a community member willing to assist with the project. Ellen Thurnau has a friend involved with the local scouts so she will reach out to them before the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021. Minutes respectfully submitted by Haley Yost.