

## **Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.**

### **Minutes of September 21, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Directors**

The meeting convened at 6:38 pm in the Library Reading Garden. In attendance were June Battaile, Susan Bramley, Erin Breeden, Ellen Thurnau and Branch Manager, Ginny Reese.

#### **Minutes from last meeting**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The balance of the treasury is \$13,443.18. Deposits for August and thus far in September total \$289.76. Expenditures total \$1,207.10. These were for supplies for Story Time.

#### **Membership Report**

There has been no change in our membership which totals 83.

#### **Library News from Branch Manager, Ginny Reese**

Ginny reported on the virtual Story Time program for ages 3-5, run by Children's Specialist, Cindy Ritter. Cindy sends out craft kits to all branches so parents can pick them up. Children complete the craft together with other attendees as the last part of the Story Time program. Most library programming is virtual right now, with the exception of some outdoor programs at some branches.

Ginny also reported that business is down due to the pandemic, but staff are still very glad that the library is open. Curbside service is still available but demand is small currently.

#### **Old Business**

Susan Bramley reported that Duplo, Brio and Magna-Tile toys are being ordered for the play table in the children's section. They will be ready to put into use once the library staff feels it is safe to do so.

The need for a secretary and an additional board member was discussed. Several names were brought up as possibilities. One was a high school student but it was

determined that the by-laws require all directors and officers to be at least 18 years old. Ginny will speak to the others to see if any of them are interested.

Ellen Thurnau reported on the discussion she had with John Ensore regarding finding an Eagle Scout candidate who would take on the play area development as a project. Unfortunately, the scout who was interested needs to have his project finalized by October 1 this year, and we are not able to move that quickly. Ellen will explain this to Mr. Ensore and ask that we be contacted about another Scout who is looking for a project that would give us more lead time.

### **New Business**

Cindy Ritter submitted a request for new toys for the play session at the conclusion of the Story Time program for the one- and two-year-olds, when in person programs resume. She submitted pictures of the items she wishes to purchase. The total purchase price will be approximately \$1,000. A motion was made and passed that this project be funded.

There is a request for the Giving Tree Christmas project from the Greene County Preschool Program. This year the public will be asked to choose one or multiple of the 53 handprint ornaments from the tree, corresponding to individual preschool students and to buy a hardcover picture book appropriate for the age/gender on the handprint. Donors will return books to the library unwrapped this year, with handprints attached; this process will enable the coordinators to easily be assured that the gifts are all of the same quality and do not include any other items. The Greene Friends will wrap all the books. June offered to purchase the needed wrapping paper and ribbon. The Friends will wrap the books at our November meeting.

The Annual Meeting was discussed. Since the Zoom meeting was so poorly attended last year, a motion was made to move the date to a warmer time when we can hold an event outdoors. The motion passed. The details will be worked out at our next board meeting in November.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2021.