

Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.

Minutes of November 30, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting convened at 6:38 pm in the Library Meeting Room. In attendance were June Battaile, Susan Bramley, Erin Breeden, Ellen Thurnau, Judith Delaney, Jan Helmuth 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 \$13,310.63. Deposits for September, October, and November total \$211.03. Expenditures total \$343.58. The bulk of the expenditures was the table top toys for the children's area purchased by Susan Bramley.

Membership Report

Our membership remains at 83.

Library News from Branch Manager, Ginny Reese

Ginny reported that the library is getting busier. The November door count was 4,000.

Many folks participated in the book giving-tree project and all the books have been collected for the wrapping party.

Also, JMRL branches are now distributing rapid COVID tests. Our branch received 70 tests. While Northside ran out of tests rapidly, we still have tests. Safety is aided by contactless pick up, and all members of a household may obtain a test. The testing procedure is conducted virtually by the individuals.

Ginny also reported that she and Susan had a virtual meeting with the JMRL Regional Director to discuss the feasibility of a play area for very young patrons and their parents. The concept was favorably received by the director.

Old Business

We still need a Secretary. Ginny approached several outstanding candidates to see if they would be interested in serving. She also mentioned that members of the board can recruit candidates for this position. In the end a candidate will be approved by the board.

Ellen Thurnau's term ends at the end of 2021. It is a matter of concern to the Board that Ellen did not have the opportunity to be very active in her position due to COVID and the restrictions it placed on the functioning of our branch. Therefore it was discussed and unanimously approved by the Board that Ellen would be offered another term since extenuating circumstances limited her last term. She accepted.

New Business

It was decided that the annual Friends meeting will be postponed (not cancelled) until warmer weather. Being able to congregate and socialize outdoors should bring more members out. Susan plans to email members informing them of this.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm. Members stayed an hour after the meeting, happily wrapping the giving-tree books. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2022.