

Friends of the Greene County Library
Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes
May 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Susan Bramley, and a quorum was established.

Attending members: Susan Bramley, Erin Breeden, Judith Delaney, Ellen Thurnau, June Battaile, and Jan Helmuth. Branch Manager, Ginny Reese was also in attendance.

The agenda was unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last meeting (March 15, 2022) were posted online.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the report were distributed. The current balance as of May 17, 2022 is \$14,036.67. The board's tax exemption was approved by the IRS.

Membership Report: The Friends of Greene County Library currently has 79 members.

Request from Lynda Harrell: Susan introduced Lynda Harrell who is the founder of Quick Start, a group that promotes health, tennis, and reading in schools. She spoke to us regarding her wish for us to facilitate the founding of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in our community. She has researched how many children would be eligible, who we might approach as donors, and has made contact with the Greene County Childcare Center, both elementary schools, and an interested parent. Children enrolled in the program receive a book a month from birth up to age 5. The cost is roughly \$2/child per year. The website for the program is imaginationlibrary.com. This commitment involves seeking donors, housing returned books at our library, reaching out to the community to spread the word to get children involved, and managing the ongoing program. Given the cost and time involved in the program, the board decided to study what is involved and discuss it at our next meeting.

Library Report from Ginny Reese:

The Summer Reading Kick-off is scheduled for June 6, from 6pm-8pm. Ginny asked the Board to serve as volunteers.

Cindy will be doing two story times a week in June.

Greene Commons will be used for some of the Library's adult and family programs.

AJ Milligan is our new library assistant. He is an avid reader and helpful IT areas.

Old Business:

The Board approved changing the by-laws to state that the Friends annual meeting will be held in June each year. It was decided to request the Lafayette to host us this year on Friday, June 24, at 6:30-8pm in the garden. In the event of rain, we would like to be accommodated on the balcony. This would coincide with the June 24 Film Series showing at 8:30 at the Greene Commons.

New Business: Ginny requested and was approved funding for a Yoga class taught by Kumud Vandever at Greene Commons beginning June 15 and lasting 6 weeks. It fulfills the plan to offer a movement-related class for teens and adults. The class is from 2-3 and will cost \$360.

Cindy requested baskets for the toys that go with the children's activity table. The board approved the \$324 purchase.

Susan prepared a form showing terms of all of our officers. Erin Breeden's term was extended to end in 2024 because of serving time lost to COVID-19. Erin requested a periodic review of the treasury by several board members to assure its accuracy.

There was further discussion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and as noted above, the board will review documents sent by Lynda Harrill and research on the website.

Susan will not be present for the annual meeting of the Friends. The meeting will take place after the social hour and will consist of the introduction of Directors, the Treasurer's Report, and Ginny's Library News.

The next meeting will take place on July 19, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52.