

Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 2006

President Deborah Willenborg called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Other Board members present: John Mitchell, Jackie Pamenter, Sharon Lumadue, Cindy Dingleline, Mary Jo Sopolak, Amy Pence-Lanctot. Also present: Branch Manager Ginny Reese and Friends Members Joe Oddo and Yatta Jacob.

John reported that the Friends had \$1,385.43 in its checking account.

Items of business discussed:

Festival of the Book: Deborah had been in contact with our guest speaker, Leonard Adkins. Mr. Adkins had requested a \$50 honorarium, which the Board unanimously voted to pay. The Board also unanimously approved an expenditure of \$135-155 for Mr. Adkins' overnight lodging at The Lafayette Inn. The program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, at 7:30PM.

John agreed to introduce Mr. Adkins at the program. For publicity, John will publicize the program at Shenandoah National Park and organizations such as the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. Jackie will publicize the program at the Greene County Visitor Center, on the Greene County website, and with the county's two garden clubs and its schools.

Amendment of Bylaws: At present, Article II, Paragraph 2.5 of the Friends' Bylaws provides that notice of the Corporation's annual meeting shall be by "[w]ritten notice . . . hand delivered or mailed to each member...."

The Friends' membership application form has a place for the member's optional listing of his or her Email address. Deborah asked if Paragraph 2.5 of the Bylaws could be amended to specifically permit electronic notification to members of the annual meeting, since that method is so prompt and efficient.

John agreed to look into this and report back to the Board with his recommendation.

Film Movement Videos: Ginny reported that J-MRL had decided to not buy feature films for its forthcoming DVD collection, on the grounds that to do so would duplicate resources in the community. Therefore, the series purchased by the Friends would not be added to the J-MRL DVD collection, at this time.

Popular Fiction in Spanish: The addition of popular fiction in Spanish, paid for by the Greene Friends, has been approved as a "pilot" program. In the meanwhile, the J-MRL

will be purchasing Spanish-language materials which deal with such subjects as: Teaching English Immersion, Language Skills; Newspapers/magazines in Spanish; and self-help books for such topics as parenting and health.

Operating Budget Request: Ginny also advised that the J-MRL's budget request of the County for operating the Greene Branch Library in the forthcoming fiscal year was in the total amount of \$206,811. This was a \$24,000 increase from the current year, and reflected an increase in health insurance premiums of 15% and a retirement increase of 24%. These are system-wide increases. No additional library operating hours were requested. The library budget did include 150 substitute hours, so that the library could be staffed when someone had to be absent from work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer