

Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
July 12, 2006

The previously-scheduled meeting of the board of Directors was called to order by President Deborah Willenborg at 7:00 pm. Board Members present, in addition to Deborah, were John Mitchell, Amy Pence-Lanctot, Jackie Pamerter, Cindy Dingledine, and Sharon Lumadue. Also present was guest Marta Hart.

Secretary/Treasurer John Mitchell reported that the Friends had \$1,011.59 in its checking account.

The following items were discussed:

Public Relations: John Mitchell had made a new photograph of the front of the library with the stella d'oro daylilies in bloom. Jackie Lichtman at Central has put the new picture on the Greene Branch website.

The library had a float in Stanardsville's July 4th parade. It was based on the summer reading program theme "Once Upon A Time..." The float was created by Kathy Bower and a team of creative teen volunteers. Deborah had met with the new County Administrator, Barry Clark, and Branch Manager Ginny Reese gave him a tour of the library.

DVD Shelving: New shelving for DVDs would require assembly, and the Library did not have funds to pay for its assembly as the result of budget cuts in the new fiscal year. The Board approved paying the estimated \$90-\$120 for the assembly, if volunteers could not be found to do the work.

White paper on Volunteers: Ginny Reese has written a White Paper on the use of volunteers, to clarify the circumstances in which the library effectively could use volunteer services. The paper has been provided to the County's Board of Supervisors.

Recognition of Libby Carpenter: As of July 1, Libby Carpenter completed two, four-year terms as Greene County's representative on the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library's (J-MRL's) Board of Trustees. The Friends are most grateful for Libby's service to the community. Deborah moved, and Cindy seconded, a motion to purchase a gift for Libby in recognition of her years of devoted service. The motion passed unanimously.

Term of Greene Friends President: As of July 1, Deborah succeeded Libby as the Greene County representative on the J-MRL Board of Trustees. It has been the custom for the same individual to not serve on the J-MRL Board and as President of the Greene Friends. The Green Friends Board, however, felt that it would be very counterproductive for

Deborah to resign from the Presidency at this point, especially considering the work that needs to be done within the local community in preparation for next year's budget cycle. The Board unanimously passed a resolution affirming its desire that Deborah remain as President until the normal expiration of her term, which will occur with the election of new officers following the annual general membership meeting in November.

Budget Education Campaign: The budget cycle for the next fiscal year will begin earlier than in the past, with the J-MRL making its initial presentation to the County in November. The Board voted to conduct a public education campaign through one or more "teach ins", to be held in mid-September. The campaign will explain the structure and operation of the regional and local branch library, and the costs associated with each. The Steering Committee for this effort consists of Deborah, Cindy, Jackie, and Sharon.

Festival of the Book: The 2007 Festival of the Book will be held March 21-25. The Friends is planning for the Greene Branch to be the venue for at least one Festival program.

Charlottesville author Amy Lee-Tai recently has published her book "A Place Where Sunflowers Grow," based upon her grandparents' experiences in the Topaz Internment Camp, where Japanese Americans were interned during World War II. This is the only children's book about the internment that is published in both Japanese and English. It has beautiful illustrations by award-winning illustrator Felicia Hoshino. The Board voted to explore Amy Lee-Tai's interest in making a Festival of the Book presentation. Mary Jo Sopelak volunteered to contact the author to ascertain her interest.

Bylaws Revision: John presented to the Board proposed revisions to the Bylaws to provide for more flexibility in providing notice to Friends Members of the annual general membership meeting and to Board members of Board meetings. As initially written, the Bylaws did not provide for sending such notices by e-mail, where the recipient's e-mail address is known to the Friends. The revisions would specifically allow e-mail notifications and give the Friends more flexibility in how to communicate notice of meetings.

Jackie moved, and Sharon seconded, that the Board adopt the proposed Bylaws revisions, and the motion passed unanimously. John will prepare revised Bylaws pages and provide them to Board members and to Jackie Lichtman at the Central Library to be posted on the Friends' website.

The Board set Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 pm as its next meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

