

Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes
April 2, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Board members in attendance were Deborah Willenborg, Jackie Pamerter, Cindy Dingledine, Sharon Lumadue, Mary Jo Sopelak, and John Mitchell. Also in attendance were Greene Library Branch Manager Ginny Reese and guest Rick Crowsey.

Treasurer's Report: John reported that there was \$886.51 in the Friends' checking account.

Festival of the Book: The Virginia Festival of the Book program held on Thursday, March 22, in the Library/Senior Center Public Meeting Room was an outstanding success. There was a standing-room-only crowd in the meeting room. The program featured Charlottesville author Amy Lee-Tai, whose book "The Place Where Sunflowers Grow" is written from a child's perspective on the experiences within a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II. Amy's presentation generated many questions from the audience, and she sold all the copies of the book she had brought with her.

Budget Presentation: Deborah passed out paper copies of the PowerPoint budget presentation that was made to the Board of Supervisors. The theme of this year's presentation was "Greene Library—The Busiest Place in Town." Included in the presentation were statistics from a Wednesday turn-away headcount and a patron survey with specific information about library usage. The presentation was well received.

National Library Week Proclamation: Deborah also reported that Steve Catalano, the Chair of the County Board of Supervisors, had signed a proclamation recognizing that April 15-21 was National Library Week. Greene was the first county to return its copy of the proclamation to the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library. The proclamation was prominently displayed at the library's circulation desk.

Summer Reading Kickoff: In preparation for the kickoff of the Summer Reading Program, the Board voted to pay for the Moon Bounce again this year, since it was such a popular draw for children last year. (This year's kickoff will feature the "Harry Potter" Moon Bounce, the newest and largest model, with tunnel and slide.)

Statistical Gathering and Analysis: Rick Crowsey was an invited guest at the meeting. His company, Crowsey, Incorporated, does statistical gathering and analysis, particularly with regard to integrating geographical/spatial information with other information sources to solve complex problems. He and the Board discussed how his expertise could help better understand library usage patterns in the county and how that information could assist the library in better serving the county. A potential source of funds is available to help with the expense of this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

John Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer
Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.