Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes of July 8, 2015
Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Kathy Ladika, Betsy Martin, Mary Jo Sopelak, Lisa Thomas, and the Branch Librarian, Ginny Reese

Update on Board Officers. Karen Fink has resigned as board president due to heavy demands on her time, but will remain active on the board as a director. Kathy Ladika was voted in as the new board president.

Treasurer’s Report. There is a balance of $2,358.74 in the Friends’ checking account. Expenditures since the last meeting were for the Rapunzels ($25.00), the Summer Reading Program Kick-off ($399.58), and books for the Youth Development Council ($300.00). A total of $1,045.00 has been received in donations.

Administrative Matters.

* Draft copies of updated board officers’ duties were handed out for review;

* A suggestion was offered (and all agreed) that, when voting on board matters in emails, members “reply to all” for a quorum;

* It was voted that the annual meeting be changed from November to January. The November meeting will include developing and approving the 2016 budget for library programs and events, reviewing the corporation bylaws, voting in new officers and board directors as necessary, and developing and finalizing the annual meeting agenda;

* The January meeting is designated the Annual Meeting for all members of the Friends organization. It will be a brief business meeting followed by refreshments and socializing. A different venue for holding the meeting will be explored;

* A letter, for donors’ IRS tax deduction purposes, will be sent to acknowledge all donations, rather than a separate “thank you” note for donations over a certain amount;

* It was agreed by all that the Greene County Friends e-Newsletter should continue to be issued four times yearly. The board president will undertake the project.
Summer Reading Program Kick-off. An estimated 250 people of all ages participated in the June 8 program. The bat program was a big success, attended by about 150 people. The reptile display was crowded all evening. Live music was provided by the band, TheStinkin Kidz. The petting zoo included two bunnies, two baby goats, and a large, fluffy puppy. There was an indoor and a large outdoor inflatable, a bubble machine, sidewalk chalk, temporary tattoos, and face-painting. Ice cream and fresh popcorn were enjoyed. Two jugglers provided entertainment along with a costumed “Huckle the Cat” character. The event was supported by many volunteers from the community, including about a dozen teen volunteers.

Youth Development Council. Ginny Reese and Lisa Thomas selected the books to support two three-week camps. The books have been given to the program and were very much appreciated.

Little Free Library. Books are being shared and the Little Free Library is running smoothly in the spirit of the project.

Library Hours Expanded. The Greene County Board of Supervisors voted to fund an extra four hours of open library hours, bringing the hours to 44 per week. The new schedule will start after Labor Day in September and will include a full day on Friday and the addition of a second evening on Tuesday.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2015. All board meetings are open to the public and community participation is welcomed.

Submitted by Mary Jo Sopelak, Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.