Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc.
Minutes of July 19, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Kathy Ladika, Lisa Thomas, Betsy Martin, Mary Jo Sopelak, Nancy Ford, Ellen Thurnau, Erin Breeden, guest June Battaile, and the Branch Librarian, Ginny Reese.

Treasurer’s Report. There is a balance of $3,867.41 in the Friends’ checking account. Deposits since the May 17 meeting total $101.00. Expenditures total $1,129.89 and were in support of the Summer Reading Program Kickoff ($393.88), the “Be Happy” Swami event on June 5 ($23.61), books for the Youth Development Council ($310.21), Sharks – Boys Book Club ($86.86), library landscaping ($200.00), and Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Olympics ($115.33). Expenditure of $120 in support of the Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Olympics had been approved by the Board via an email at the end of March.

Membership Report. Members have expressed appreciation for the membership reminder post cards.

Publicity Report. The July/August Newsletter was distributed on June 28. Adding a link to the Newsletter from the Library web site will be pursued. (The link was subsequently included.)

Summer Reading Kick-off. Approximately 300 people attended the summer reading kick-off and enjoyed the inflatable, popcorn, ice cream, music, entertainment, and were introduced to the library and the summer “Read to Win” program.

Community Support. The group discussed possible options to support the local community and encourage reading and library use. Expansion of The Little Free Library program to additional locations and potential support of a local scholarship were considered.

Upcoming Programs and Events. Wenonah Hauter, environmental author, activist, and Executive Director of Food & Water Watch is scheduled to present a program about her new book Frackopoly on Aug. 6. NaNoWriMo, which is short for National Novel Writing Month, will take place Monday evenings in Nov. – the Board approved $100 for refreshments. The Board also approved $70 to support children’s programs: Books at Bedtime Snack in October ($20), Magic Show Workshop refreshments ($30), and the Jungle Book film ($20). A Fall program on Seeing Red by Kathryn Erskine will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 27-SEP-2016 at 6:30 pm. 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.