The Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc. held its annual membership meeting on January 19, 2018, at the Lafayette Inn, Stanardsville, starting at 6:30 pm with appetizers and beverages. There were 30 people in attendance.

The meeting was opened by the President Kathy Ladika, who gave welcoming remarks and a little background about the Friends corporation; introduced the Board of Directors; and highlighted 2017 expenditures and proposed budget items for 2018. Board Director Ellen Thurnau was given a round of applause for her art work on the barn quilt which was on display prior to being hung on the exterior library wall.

The President mentioned that on March 20 the Greene Branch will be hosting an author, Lauralee Bliss, who will discuss her journeys on the Appalachian Trail and sign copies of her book; the Teen Advisory Board will host an open mic evening of entertainment on February 2; and a new monthly program (Chronicles of Yarnia) begins in February on Tuesday evenings to bring together folks who enjoy knitting, crocheting, and other fiber arts. In discussing the proposed budget for 2018, Kathy stated that the costs for the landscaping maintenance will increase due to a contractor having to do the work, in light of long-time volunteers, June and John Battaile retiring from the job. Their work over the years, along with that of Nancy Ford and Lori Gore is greatly appreciated.

Ginny Reese, the Branch Manager, closed out the meeting with a thank-you for the strong community support of the library. The meeting ended around 8:15 pm.

Shown below are the 2017 Financial Report, the 2018 Proposed Budget, and the Corporation’s current Board of Directors. A reminder that Board meeting minutes and Newsletters are posted on the JMRL/Greene web page.

Minutes respectfully submitted by K. Ladika. The next Board meeting is March 20 at 6:00 pm at the library and is open to the public.
FRIENDS OF THE GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY, INC.
FINANCIAL REPORT
January 1 through December 31, 2017

Treasury Balance Jan. 1, 2017: $6,227.59
Deposits in 2017: $4,538.96
Total Assets: $10,766.55

Expenditures in 2017:
* Annual Members Meeting (Lafayette Inn) - $345.00
* Landscape Maintenance - $525.00
* Summer Reading Program Kick-Off - $435.79
* Books for Youth Development Council Camp - $217.88
* Festival of Book Refreshments - $36.68
* Rapunzels - $83.63
* Bibliophiles - $41.04
* Sharks - $474.16
* Egg Hunt - $68.30
* State Corp. Commission Annual Fee - $25.00
* Monthly Film Refreshments - $126.37
* Giving Tree Party (Pre-Schoolers) - $31.46
* Virginia Discovery Museum StarLab - $200.00
* Exterior Benches - $885.98
* Donation to Art Guild of Greene for Library Barn Quilt - $200.00
* Bin Sensory Program - $177.31
* Outreach (Haney-Ripley) Family Night - $123.03
* Summer Reading Program Toys - $220.97
* Miscellaneous Expenses - $15.77

Total Expenditures: $4,232.37

Treasury Balance Dec. 31, 2017: $6,534.18

1/ $63.10 (overcharge) was returned to the treasury.
2/ $500.00 anonymous donation was given for the benches.
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PROPOSED BUDGET
January 1 through December 31, 2018

Treasury Balance January 1, 2018: $6,534.18

* Annual (January) Meeting (Lafayette Inn) - $400.00
* Landscape Maintenance - $900.00
* Summer Reading Program Kick-Off - $450.00
* Books for Youth Development Council Camp - $400.00
* Open Mic Night - $120.00
* Author Visit - $325.00
* Rapunzels - $150.00
* Bibliophiles - $100.00
* Sharks - $100.00
* Egg Hunt - $75.00
* State Corporation Commission Fee - $25.00
* Monthly Film Refreshments - $120.00
* Giving Tree Party for Pre-Schoolers - $50.00
* Chronicles of Yarnia Refreshments - $100.00
* Saturday Matinee - $100.00
* Summer Reading Program Toys - $200.00
* Outreach (Family Night) - $125.00
* Misc. Expenses - $50.00

Proposed Expenditures: $3,790.00

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The Board of Directors meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the Greene Library. The meeting schedule for 2018 is January 19 (annual membership meeting), March 20 (starts at 6:00 pm), May 15, July 17, September 18, and November 20. All meetings are open to the public.

The Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to operate exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes. Its principal objectives are to (a) foster closer relations between the Greene County Library and citizens of Greene County; (b) educate the community about functions, resources, services, and needs of the library; (c) support and sponsor programs and events which focus on the library, books, and reading; and (d) help make the library as inviting and accessible through educative and other efforts.