The Friends of the Greene County Library, Inc. held its annual membership meeting on January 20, 2017, at the Lafayette Inn, Stanardsville, with socializing starting at 6:30 pm. There were 28 people in attendance.

The meeting was opened by the President, Kathy Ladika, who gave brief remarks; introduced the Board of Directors; acknowledged the Library Branch Manager and staff for their great work in running the library; highlighted 2016 expenditures; and discussed proposed budget items for 2017. She mentioned that the Greene Branch would be hosting a speaker again this March during the Festival of the Book - Claudia Kalb, author of *Andy Warhol was a Hoarder: Inside the Minds of History’s Great Personalities*. The Big Read this March is *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones. A one-day event scheduled at the Greene Branch in March is StarLab, a traveling astronomy program from the Virginia Discovery Museum. Recently, a member suggested installing a bench in memory of Gail Auer, the JABA nurse, outside the library’s main door, and the Board approved funding for purchase of the bench this year.

Friends member, Jackie Pamenter, shared comments about the recent English Tea Party hosted by library staff for the Rapunzels (Girls Book Club) and Sharks (Boys Book Club). She stated how polite and knowledgeable the kids were and what a nice experience it was. The Sharks volunteer leader, Peter Bramley, spoke about his experiences with the Sharks and stated that he would like to have another “guy” volunteer to help out when the club meets. (As a follow-up to the meeting, Alan Yost has offered to work with the Sharks group.)

The meeting session ended around 7:30, but socializing continued until 9:00.

Shown below are the **2016 Financial Report**, the **2017 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 21 and is open to the public.
FRIENDS OF THE GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY, INC.
FINANCIAL REPORT
January 1 through December 31, 2016

Treasury Balance Jan. 1, 2016: $4,442.87
Member Fees/Donations in 2016: $4,796.00
Total Assets: $9,238.87

Expenditures in 2016:
* Annual Members Meeting (Caterer) - $200.00
* Landscape/Garden Maintenance - $525.00
* Books for Youth Development Council - $310.21
* Summer Reading Program Kick-Off - $648.18
* Open Mic Night - $117.04
* Author Visit Honorarium (W. Hauter) - $200.00
* Festival of Book (Refreshments + PVCC Room Fee) - $130.44
* Rapunzels - $128.57
* Bibliophiles - $90.92
* Sharks - $86.86
* Easter Egg Hunt - $57.66
* Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Olympics - $115.33
* State Corp. Commission Annual Fee - $25.00
* Monthly Film Night Refreshments - $120.18
* Giving Tree Party (Pre-Schoolers) - $36.79
* Reading Summit - $64.48
* Art Contest Prizes (4) - $100.00
* Miscellaneous Expenses - $54.62

Total Expenditures: $3,011.28

Treasury Balance Dec. 31, 2016: $6,227.59
Treasury Balance January 1, 2017: $6,227.59

* Annual (January) Meeting (Lafayette Inn) - $300.00
* Landscape/Garden Maintenance - $900.00
* Summer Reading Program Kick-Off - $450.00
* Books for Youth Development Council - $400.00
* Open Mic Night (TAB voted not to have in 2017)
* Author Visit - $250.00
* Festival of the Book Refreshments - $75.00
* Rapunzels - $150.00
* Bibliophiles - $100.00
* Sharks - $100.00 (snacks, etc) + $250.00 (books)
* Easter Egg Hunt - $60.00
* State Corporation Commission Fee - $25.00
* Monthly Film Night Refreshments - $50.00
* Giving Tree Party (Pre-Schoolers) - $40.00
* SkyLab - $260.00
* Outdoor Bench - $500.00

Proposed Expenditures: $3,910.00
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - January 2017
(Dates indicate end of two 2-year terms)

President
Kathleen Ladika (Sept. 2017)
Vice-President
Elizabeth Martin (July 2018)
Secretary
Mary Jo Sopelak (July 2018)
Treasurer
Erin Breeden (May 2020)
Director
Nancy Ford (Sept. 2019)
Director
Ellen Thurnau (Jan. 2020)
Director
Jo McKeown (Dec. 2020)

The Board of Directors meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the Greene Library meeting room. The meeting schedule for 2017 is January 20 (annual membership meeting), March 21, May 16, July 18, September 19, and November 21. 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.