The meeting was called to order by Bruce Bartleson at 9:50 a.m.

Board President Bruce Bartleson acknowledged the presence of a quorum with the following board members present: Kathy Norgard, Jan Carroll, Larry Meredith, Rosalie Ott, Andy Keck and Bruce Bartleson. Also present were Library District Director Nancy Trimm and Business Manager and HR Manager Donna Ford.

Carroll made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a presentation by Boy Scout John Kattnig. Norgard seconded the motion and it was approved.

The minutes of the November 24, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Norgard made a motion to approve the minutes. Carroll seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

There were no public comments.

Election of Officers: The current slate of board officers were re-elected. They are Bruce Bartleson, president; Rosalie Ott, vice president; Sherryl Peterson, treasurer; Larry Meredith, secretary.

The financial report through November, 2014, was presented by Director Nancy Trimm and business manager Donna Ford (in the absence of Treasurer Sherryl Peterson who was out of town). The end-of-year report (through December, 2014) will be presented at the February meeting of the board. The report showed the District was on track to meet revenue and expenditure goals. Members discussed the situation at Somerset where a library annex had been established several years ago. Because of the Ox Bow mine shutting down there appears to be little use of this facility. The district formerly helped pay for utilities at the building and for Internet access (including one computer). Attempts to reach Terry Commander who has been the coordinator of the annex with the district have been unsuccessful. Trimm and Bartleson will investigate and make recommendations to the board about whether to continue to provide Internet access and if any other services should be discontinued. Norgard moved to approve the financial report. Carroll seconded and the motion passed.

Boy Scout John Kattnig appeared before the board to propose that the District become the “Benefactor” of a project he is working on as part of his efforts to become an Eagle Scout. The project involves the construction and placing of “Little Lending Libraries” around the District. These would be small birdhouse-like structures where free books would be available for anyone. After some discussion Meredith moved that the board agree to become his “Benefactor” with the understanding that more discussion would follow to clear up specific
details of the project and the district’s responsibilities. The motion also indicated that Trimm and Norgard would be the board’s representatives to the project. Norgard seconded and the motion passed. In further discussion members suggested that Trimm approach the Friends of the Library about taking on one or more of the “lending libraries.”

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Nancy Trimm presented the Director’s Report. A presentation of statistics from 2014 indicated increases over 2013 in total circulation, total hold requests filled, programs for children and programs for adults, computer and wireless usage and in the number of patron visits.

There has been a good response to the implementation of Sunday hours and, although at the time of the meeting only two Sundays had been included, it appears this will be a popular time for many people to visit the library.

A Western State Colorado University student has produced a short video for the CAFE program. It was viewed by board members at the meeting and received a positive reaction.

Trimm has received an all-inclusive scholarship to attend the Research Institute for Public Libraries meeting in Colorado Springs in July. The scholarship amounts to $1,900.00. This workshop will be valuable as she will learn how to gather and use data.

Gunnison County has announced it will replace all windows in the Gunnison building in the spring of 2015 at no cost to the district.

Members voted to transfer all of the funds received from the Van Tuyl estate and now held in Certificates of Deposit at Gunnison Savings and Loan (including a Money Market account holding interest earned from the accounts) to a fund at the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley. Meredith moved to approve the transfer and to name Bartleson, Peterson, Trimm and Ford as the representatives of the board to facilitate the transfer. Carroll seconded and the motion passed.

In New Business, Trimm presented an article about a Salt Lake City library proposal to potentially stay open 24-hours a day. The presentation of the article was for information only and members spent some time discussing the pros and cons of the idea.

Because it was time for the annual evaluation of the Director, members went into Executive Session and voted approval for Director Trimm to attend the session. President Bartleson made the following motion:

Pursuant to section 24-6-402(4) of the Colorado Revised Statues, I move that this regular public meeting of the Board of the Gunnison County Library District adjourn and,
upon affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, reconvene in executive session for the sole purpose of discussing personnel matters as authorized by Statutory Citation 24-6-402(4)(g).

The motion passed and President Bartleson made the following statement:
An executive session of the Board of the Gunnison County Library District is being convened at 11:20 a.m. on January 14, 2015, for the sole purpose of discussing personnel matters as authorized by statutory citation 24-6-402(4)(g). Attending are board members Bartleson, Norgard, Ott, Carroll and Meredith, and District Director Nancy Trimm.

At 11:42 a.m. President Bartleson made the following statement:
An executive session of the Board of the Gunnison County Library District convened at 11:20 a.m. on January 14, 2015, for the sole purpose of discussing personnel matters as authorized by statutory citation 24-6-402(4)(g). Attending were board members Bartleson, Norgard, Ott, Carroll and Meredith, and District Director Nancy Trimm. During the executive session the board discussed or received advice regarding personnel matters. At no time during the executive session did Trimm participate in or influence the board’s deliberations. The board did not engage in substantive discussion of any matter not enumerated in section 24-6-402(4), C.R.S. The board did not adopt any policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation or take any formal action. The executive session meeting was adjourned at 11:42 p.m. and we have reconvened in regular session.

Members agreed that a Doodle Poll would be conducted by Trimm to establish a date and time for the next meeting of the board.

Norgard moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carroll seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Larry Meredith, Secretary