The regular meeting of the Gunnison County Library District’s Board of Trustees was called to order by President Bruce Bartleson at 10:00 a.m. Board members present were Andy Keck, Rosalie Ott, Bruce Bartleson, and Larry Meredith. Acknowledgment of a Quorum was made. Also in attendance were Executive Director Nancy Trimm, Business/HR manager Donna Ford, Crested Butte Branch Manager Sonda Donovan and planning facilitator Noelle Hagan.

The agenda was approved following a motion by Keck, seconded by Ott.

Meredith moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as read. Ott seconded and the motion passed.

There were no public comments.

Long-Range Planning Facilitation with Noelle Hagan
Hagan led a discussion among Board members and staff. The group considered a variety of topics including:

- Agreement on long-range goals that will inform planning for facilities
- Brainstorm a list of possible facility options that achieve long-range goals
- Agreement on additional information needed by the Board prior to winnowing the list
- Agreement on next steps

  Trimm will create a document including all the items listed in the above discussion and distribute it to the Board.

A draft of “Facilities Long-Range Planning Goals” was presented to the Board by Trimm on behalf of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Meredith moved acceptance of the document with the addition of one word. Ott seconded and the motion passed.

The Board and staff also discussed a document provided by Trimm which contained responses by staff to a survey asking for staff ideas and attitudes regarding the two facilities (in Crested Butte and Gunnison). Many responses dealt with space issues, quiet spaces, work spaces and the need for more computers.

Director’s Report
Trimm presented a written Director’s report which included statistics and programming information, news from Friends organizations and other information.
She also reported that, because Donna Ford will retire at the end of this calendar year, the District has begun advertising for applications from potential replacements. The goal is to have a successor to Ford hired in time to spend significant time with her, learning the procedures, before Ford retires.

In addition, the Board discussed the “satellite library” in Somerset. Usage has dropped since the closure of the adjacent coal mine and the facility appears to be utilized as a library only because of the Internet connection provided by the District. Still, the District (as per the original agreement) has continued to pay one half of the utility costs for the facility (shared with the local water board). Keck moved that the District sever its relationship with the Somerset facility. Meredith seconded and the motion passed.

New Business
Trimm reported that the 2015 Audit had been completed. She distributed printed reports from the auditing firm McMahan and Associates, LLC. Of Avon, CO. The report was positive and indicated that the District’s accounting practices and reports were excellent and no problems were encountered. The firm recommended that the District use its tax-exempt status at every opportunity. Trimm reported that the District has already begun to use this status at every opportunity. The Board congratulated Business and Human Resources Manager Donna Ford on her good work. Keck moved acceptance of the report. Ott seconded and the motion passed.

Andy Keck was appointed to the Budget Committee for the second consecutive year.

Old Business
A vacancy was created on the Board with the recent resignation of Kathy Norgard. President Bartleson will ask the Board of County Commissioners to begin advertising immediately for applicants to fill the position.

Executive Session
No Executive Session was deemed necessary.

The next meeting will be in September. The date and location will be selected through a Doodle poll to be sent out by Trimm.

With no further business, Keck moved to adjourn, Ott seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully Submitted by

Larry Meredith
Secretary