The regular meeting of the Gunnison County Library District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Bruce Bartleson at 1:00 p.m. Board members present were Rosalie Ott, Bruce Bartleson, Andy Keck and Larry Meredith. Acknowledgment of a Quorum was made. Also in attendance were Executive Director Nancy Trimm, Business/HR Manager Amanda Brackett, Gunnison City Manager Russ Forrest and potential new Board members Bill Matthews and Cindy McKee.

The agenda was approved following a motion by Keck who, because he would need to leave the meeting early, also moved that the agenda be modified by moving the “New Business” section from its position as #8 to #6. The motion was seconded by Ott.

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

Special guest Russ Forrest, Gunnison City Manager, was recognized. Executive Director Trimm and Board President Bartleson had visited with Forrest earlier about the City’s interest in keeping the Gunnison Library located within the downtown core area and becoming a vital part of activities there. Forrest reiterated that interest and pledge support from the City as the Library considers plans to remodel its current building, move to another facility or construct a new one (all of which might require a public vote to increase the Library’s mil levy). He also talked about the City’s development of a new strategic plan which he believed would include the Library’s involvement in creating a more vibrant and successful Main Street. Forrest also discussed funding possibilities (without committing the City in any way), grant possibilities, the Department of Local Affairs – DOLA – and possible steps the Library might need to consider as it makes plans for the future.

Members had a few questions for Forrest and thanked him for his comments and ideas.

New Business
Members discussed the potential of moving its CDs into accounts that produce a higher interest rate. This is due, in part, to the fact that Gunnison Savings and Loan, where the Library District’s CDs are now located, has reported they are no longer certified as repositories for public funds. Director Trimm and Business and HR Manager Brackett will investigate possibilities.

As this was the first meeting of the year the board was required to elect a new slate of officers. Keck expressed an interest in the position of Board Treasurer. Meredith moved and Ott seconded that the current officers be retained for 2017 with the exception that Keck be named Treasurer. The motion passed. The officers are: President Bruce Bartleson, Vice President Rosalie Ott, Treasurer Andy Keck, and Secretary Larry Meredith.

The board discussed whether to set regular monthly dates for board meetings but ultimately decided to continue with the Doodle Poll to determine availability of members for meetings. A Doodle Poll will be sent to all members soon to set a meeting for February, probably between February 20-29.
Financial Reports
The December 2016 Financial Statement was presented and showed that the expenditure target for all elements of the District was 100% of the budget and that most of the budgeted areas were below the target in expenditures. For example, Crested Butte was at 90.9% and the Gunnison Library at 87.1%. The fact that neither library reached the 100% mark was largely due to staff turnover. CAFÉ was over the target and reported 111.5%. However, CAFÉ still had a fund balance carryover to report. The Money Market fund balance with Gunnison Bank and Trust was $419,026.66.

Brackett presented a Balance Sheet for 2016 showing total current assets and total liabilities and equity each at $1,861,194.97

Ott moved approval of the financial statement report, Bartleson seconded and the motion passed.

Director’s Report
Trim presented a written report to the board and, in addition, presented to members a document showing 2016 year end statistics. The report compared various statistics to those of three previous years. For example, the report showed that for 2017 total circulation was 147,867; total holds filled were 21,835; total visits were 163,736; total PC usage was 25,441, and library patrons (those with library cards) totaled 12,975.

Trimm asked that an update on the Strategic Plan be tabled until the February meeting.

Old Business
There was no Old Business brought before the Board.

Ott moved the meeting be adjourned, Bartleson seconded and the motion passed. The meeting concluded at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Larry Meredith
Secretary