This regular meeting of the Gunnison County Library District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Bruce Bartleson at 4:00pm. Board members present were Bruce Bartleson, Rosalie Ott, Andy Keck, Cindy McKee, and Sheryl Peterson. A quorum was acknowledged by President Bartleson. Also in attendance, Library Director Drew Brookhart.

The agenda was approved by consensus.

The minutes from the November, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Andy moved to accept the minutes as presented, Cindy seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Drew presented the October financial reports. He highlighted the predicted contribution to the fund balance. He reviewed the investments and the total balance of all accounts as of the last day of November. Cindy moved to accept the financial report as presented Andy seconded and the report was unanimously approved.

The Director’s report was presented. Drew reviewed the 2018 Budget narrative, the concept of developing an outdoor classroom on the Van Tuyl property, and discussed the library staff’s input on a survey instrument.

In New Business the board discussed pursuing a firm to assist in creating and conducting a community survey related to both District programs, services, and facility improvements. It was suggested that the Board determine how to make demographic survey questions valuable or leave them out of the survey. It was also noted that the primary objective of the survey should be to determine what aspects of any project would be most supported by the community. The Board gave general direction to pursue a firm to help complete a survey. The timing of the survey was discussed but was inconclusive.

Developing natural play areas, restroom and shelter facilities, and an outdoor classroom on the Van Tuyl property was discussed. It was agreed that the property improvements would be good for library services and open new partnerships. It was also agreed that the District should pursue grant funding for the project in 2018. Partnerships and structuring necessary for project success were also discussed. The location of a future Gunnison Public Library was discussed. The Board agreed that more information was needed before a site for a future library could be determined. It was generally agreed that further investments in the Van Tuyl property were prudent regardless of a future library location.

Holidays for the District’s 2018 calendar were proposed. Sheryl moved to accept the proposed 2018 holidays Andy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The 2018 budget was reviewed and accepted.

In old business the Board discussed recruitment efforts for the Board vacancy.

Drew agreed to send a doodle poll to members for the January 2018 meeting.

The meeting adjourned by consensus.