This regular meeting of the Gunnison County Library District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Bruce Bartleson at 4:37 p.m. Board members present were Bruce Bartleson, Andy Keck, Sherryl Peterson, Doris Kuiper, Cindy McKee and Larry Meredith. Acknowledgment of a Quorum was made. Also in attendance were Business/HR Manager Amanda Brackett, Crested Butte Branch Manager Lisa Wishard, Mary Burt, Director of the Center for Adult and Family Education, and Gunnison Friends of the Library representatives Margaret Alcock and Barb Carroll.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Keck moved approval of the minutes from the meetings of July 24, 26 and 27, 2017, and August 31, 2017. McKee seconded and the motion was approved.

Keck and Brackett, presented the July and August financial reports and noted that the budget was on target with all items at or below budgeted amounts. Because the District must post publicly the 2018 DRAFT budget by October 15 the draft was presented to the board for discussion. A number of questions were answered to the board’s satisfaction and no changes were recommended to the draft document. The board will approve a final 2018 budget at its December meeting.

Monthly district reports were presented. Wishard noted that Crested Butte’s count of visitors and circulation was up over last year. She welcomed Alex Riedman as CB’s new Youth Services and Outreach Coordinator. Burt said she had received a grant of $3,200 from the El Pomar Foundation.

In New Business the board discussed the need for a policy for travel and moving expenses. This arose from the hiring of Drew Brookhart as the new Executive Director. Brackett will investigate policies at Western State Colorado University and Gunnison County and draft an ongoing policy for the board’s consideration. McKee moved that the district pay 50% of Brookhart’s “direct” moving expenses up to $2,500 and that receipts for those expenses be provided to the District. Kuiper seconded and the motion passed.

The board then moved to a discussion of Brookhart’s welcome and community introduction. Brackett said he had expressed interest in a number of social activities and wanted to meet with county and city leaders. Board members suggested he be the focus of a “coffee with the community” on November 2 and McKee volunteered to introduce him to the public school community. Friends of the Library officials Alcock and Carroll said the FOL would host a reception for him at a date to be determined and invite the community to attend and meet him and his family.

A letter to local banks with a new list of individuals with signature authority was presented to the board. Keck moved to approve the letter with minor changes in wording. McKee seconded and the motion passed.

In Old Business Burt reported on her investigation of potential space for the CAFÉ program. She said she has looked at seven spaces and, due to cost and amount of room available, especially for children, the Gunnison Library was still the best fit. More discussion will follow, especially after Brookhart begins work October 2.
Bartleson and Meredith presented a summary of questions and concerns relating to attorney comments on possible release or modification of restrictions in the Van Tuyl will and compromise agreement. This document had been prepared and given to the board at an earlier meeting but had been tabled while a search for a new Director was conducted. Members were asked to be ready to discuss the document at the next meeting.

Meredith announced to the board that he and his wife were moving to a house near Redstone, CO, and that the move would take place in October. Because he is moving out of the county he will submit a letter of resignation from the board.

There was no request for an executive session. A doodle poll will be sent to members to determine the date of the next meeting.

Keck moved adjournment at 5:45 p.m. McKee seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Larry Meredith
Secretary