Columbia Library District
Minutes, Meeting of January 11, 2007

Board members present were Marie Glaze, President; Rosie Gerding; David McDonald; Tom Richards; Renita Richmond; Jo Sapp; MaryEllen Sievert; and David Webber. Lynn Hostetler was absent.

Also present were Melissa Carr, Director; Elinor Barrett, Kris Farris, Melanie Henry, Aimee Leonhard, Jim Smith, and Mary Jane Edele, DBRL staff. Also present was Sara Semelka, Columbia Daily Tribune.

Call to Order

Glaze called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library.

Approval of Minutes

Richards moved, Sapp seconded, to approve both the November 16, 2006 regular and breakout session minutes. The motion passed.

Communications

Carr noted that she received an email from a staff member about an eight year old boy who loves coming to the library. Glaze complimented library staff on the helpfulness and knowledge they exhibited when she recently came in search of a book.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Director’s Report

Carr reported that the front steps of the library stayed safe and entirely free of snow during the winter weather at the beginning of December due to the heating components in the steps.


Smith noted this financial report is marked preliminary because the city has not filed its reports for October-December. When he receives these final numbers, he will update the reports and present them as final.
There were no questions about the Quarterly Building Fund Report.

**Project Update and Cost Proposals**

Barrett stated that there were no project updates or cost proposals.

**Art Update**

Barrett introduced Aimee Leonhard, the library’s art archivist, to update the board on her progress. Leonhard explained that her work is moving along as planned and that the collection of art that the Columbia Art League donated has some wonderful pieces. She distributed a handout that showed an example of the art database she has been working on. Leonhard noted that she is trying to gather as much information as she can about each piece, if possible from the artist themselves. Leonhard also brought some more examples of the artwork, including photographs by Andy Tau and a sculpture by Robert Bussabarger.

Barrett asked the board to save the date of March 15th for the official dedication of “The Shell Seeker” memorial statue for Gene Martin, created by Sabra Tull Meyer. She also noted that Leonhard will conduct an art and architectural tour of the library in February for a group from the First National Bank.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Miscellaneous**

McDonald asked if there was any development in keeping the library open on Sundays during the summer. Carr replied that the Boone County Library District has allotted funding for the additional weekend hours as part of the tax levy.

**Adjournment**

Sapp moved, Richmond seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed and Glaze adjourned the meeting at 6:52 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Mary Jane Edele, Executive Assistant.