Columbia Library District
Minutes, Meeting of February 15, 2007

Board members present were Marie Glaze, President; Lynn Hostetler; Jo Sapp; and David Webber. David McDonald joined the meeting at 7:55 p.m. when the meeting resumed after its recess. Rosie Gerding, Tom Richards, and MaryEllen Sievert were absent.

Also present were Melissa Carr, Director; Elinor Barrett, Kris Farris, Melanie Henry, Karen Neely, Jim Smith, and Lauren Williams, DBRL staff; and DBRL Board members Patsy Craghead, Tiff Lauffer, Terri Brunner, and Linda Dellsperger. Debbora Jones, President of the Friends of the Columbia Public Library, was present for the first portion of the meeting.

Call to Order

Glaze called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library.

In absence of a quorum, Glaze moved on to item number four on the agenda, public comment.

Public Comment

Glaze introduced Debbora Jones, President of the Friends of the Columbia Public Library. Jones reviewed the large donations the Friends had given to the library in previous years, noting that each year she warns the board and staff not to expect such large donations to continue. Jones then said that once again she was surprised and delighted to be able to present the library with the record donation of $64,000. Carr said that in addition to this check, the Friends had also contributed 2,304 items with the total value of more than $40,000 to the library’s collection, making the entire contribution well over $100,000. Carr said that the core group of 20 Friends volunteers had donated 4,400 hours in 2006, which is over two FTEs (Full Time Equivalents) and represents 1,430 trips to the library made by volunteers. Jones said that these numbers translated to every volunteer hour raising $25 for the library.

Carr noted that a lot of the funds from the previous year’s Friends donation had been used to replace “classics” in the library. She added that last year’s donation from the Friends was used to fund the prize-winning book cart drill team, the One Read program, Summer Reading, and the purchase of new tables for the Friends Room.

The board heartily thanked the Friends for their dedication and notable contributions to the library. Jones said that the Columbia Public Library has moved beyond its role as a library and has become a wonderful community center.

Recess

Due to lack of a quorum, Glaze recessed the meeting at 6:55 p.m.
Resumption of Meeting

The meeting of the Columbia Library District board resumed at 7:55 p.m. Members present were as listed above, with David McDonald now present, resulting in a quorum of members.

Approval of Minutes

Sapp moved, Webber seconded, to approve both sets of minutes from January 11, 2007. The motion passed.

Financial Reports of the Columbia Library District Capital Project

Smith called the board’s attention to the balance sheet on page one. He said that accounts payable had a zero balance at the end of January because of outstanding bills being paid; these expenditures are listed on page eight. Smith offered to answer any questions about the report.

Approval of the Debt Service Warrant

Smith explained that the debt service warrant would move money from the City of Columbia’s cash in custody account to the debt service checking account so Carr can authorize the debt service payment at the end of the month. Hostetler moved approval of the warrant for debt service. Sapp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Project Update and Cost Proposals

Barrett informed the board that the lighting for the Bussabarger screen was supposed to have shipped on February 9th.

Adjournment

Hostetler moved, Sapp seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed and Glaze adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Lauren Williams, Financial and Administrative Associate.

Board Secretary