Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
Phil Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Friends Room of the Columbia Public Library (CPL).

Board members present were: Julie Baka; Dorothy Carner; Susan Daly, Vice President/Secretary; Mary Fennel, Warrant Officer; John French; Lisa Groshong; Harrison, President; Tonya Hays-Martin; Terry K. Higgins; Jean Howard; Lynn Hostetler; Brouck Jacobs; Michael Luebbert; Kate Markie; Pat Powell; Gena Scott; Khaki Westerfield and Bill Young. Angie Crumbliss was absent.

Also in attendance were Bill Ruppert of Grow Native!, DBRL Director Melissa Carr and staff members Elinor Barrett, Diana Buckner, Amanda Burke, Betsy Collins, Melanie Henry, Mark Mayfield, Patricia Miller, Ronda Mitchell, Greg Reeves, Angela Scott, Jim Smith and Mitzi St. John.

Public Comment
Harrison reviewed the guidelines for public participation and opened the floor to public comment. The Trustees heard comments from the following people regarding the use of CPL’s public meeting space for the May 17 meeting schedule by the Mid-Missouri Fellowship of Reconciliation (Mid-MO FOR):

- David Fink, 1106 Maplewood Dr., Columbia, speaking in favor of allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- Jean Blackwood, 2710 W. Rollins Rd., Columbia, speaking in favor of allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- Jalal El-Jayyousi, 3402 Red Bay Creek Rd., Columbia, speaking in favor of allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- Maja Hill, 8405 Wake Robin, Columbia, speaking in opposition to allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- George Smith, 228 E. Parkway Dr., Columbia reading a statement from Tim and Lynn Parshall, 1002 Westwinds Ct., Columbia, writing in favor of allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- Peter Yronwode, 203 Orchard Ct., Columbia, speaking in favor of allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- Irwin Kay, 305 W. Alhambra Dr., Columbia, speaking in opposition to allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- Michael Lee Robbens, 2316 Woodridge, Columbia, speaking in opposition to allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- Dorothy Skamenca, 1203 Elleta Blvd., Columbia, speaking in opposition to allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- Roy Hartley, 110 Russell Blvd., Columbia, speaking in favor of allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
- Daniel Swindell, 1917 Garnett Dr., Columbia, speaking in opposition to allowing the meeting to take place at the library.
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- Dan Veits, 15 N. 10th Street, Columbia, speaking in favor of allowing the meeting to take place at the library.

Harrison thanked the community members for their remarks.

Approval of Minutes
Harrison asked for corrections or changes to the open and closed session minutes from April 14, 2016. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as written.

Monthly Reports
Director’s Report and Comments: Carr stated that she received numerous emails and phone calls over the last week about the use of a meeting room for a program co-sponsored by several organizations, including Mid-MO FOR. When a complaint is received about library services or materials, it is reviewed by library staff members. Therefore, the administrative staff reviewed the organization’s application for meeting room use and found it to be in compliance with DBRL’s meeting room policy. Carr responded to each person who had contacted the library to let them know that the review took place and the group’s application was in order. The Board had no questions or comments on the process or decision.

Carr discussed the state budget bill signed by the governor on May 6. State Aid was set at an amount $2,000,000 greater than in the governor’s suggested budget. REAL funding was set at $2,750,000. Although both items are funded at higher levels than the previous year, the amounts are lower than what was received two years ago. Athletes and Entertainers Tax, which funds the purchase of materials, increased to $1,010,000. That is an increase from the previous year.

Carr distributed order forms to the Trustees for 2016 DBRL Summer Reading t-shirts.

Carr noted that the Community Bookmobile stop at Rocheport is being rescheduled to Thursdays.

Lastly, Carr thanked the Callaway County Library District Trustees for meeting with the county commissioners this morning and sharing information about the value of the library district and regional system. In response, the commissioners shared ideas that will be considered in developing the next Strategic Plan. Hays-Martin stated that the commissioners are very interested in the business services offered by the library.

Hays-Martin noted the success of the bingo fundraiser put on by William Woods University seniors with proceeds benefitting the Callaway County Public Library (CCPL).

Financial Report: Harrison asked for and received no questions about the Finance Report.

Service Report: Harrison asked for and received no questions about the Service Report. Carr noted that 11,000 items were checked out by Holts Summit patrons last year from the Community Bookmobile stop and Library-To-Go. She also stated that, currently, there are 321 registered groups approved to use meeting rooms at CPL.

Carr and St. John exited the meeting.

Old Business
2016 Implementation Strategies

Native Plant Beds at Southern Boone County Public Library (SBCPL): Barrett introduced and welcomed Ruppert. Ruppert gave a presentation on pollinators and the native plants that sustain them, noting that milkweed is essential for the recovery of the monarch butterfly population.
Carr and St. John rejoined the meeting.

Ruppert showed photos of the current plant beds at SBCPL and described his ideas for adding more color and texture through the use of flowering native plants. He stated that he presented his ideas for improving the beds to the Friends of the Library at that branch, and they graciously provided funding for the initial plantings.

Ruppert noted upcoming events in Columbia, including the Missouri Prairie Foundation’s native plant sale on May 21 at Bass Pro Shops, the Mizzou Botanic Garden’s Native Pollinator Dinner & Fundraiser on June 19 at the Reynolds Alumni Center and the Mizzou Botanic Garden’s Native Pollinator Symposium on June 22-23, for which DBRL is a co-sponsor and host of the Wednesday evening authors’ reception.

Ruppert answered questions from the Trustees about native plants.

Ruppert exited the meeting.

**Strategic Plan Consultant:** Carr stated that staff has been discussing how to proceed and wanted to hire an advisor who would help DBRL engage the public and align the efforts of the library with the needs of patrons and the regional community. Staff recommend hiring Maureen Sullivan, a nationally-known consultant who is very experienced in community engagement. The cost to hire Maureen Sullivan is competitive and should stay under $25,000.

**ACTION:** Carner moved, Powell seconded waiving Policy 2-710 (Procurement) and hiring Maureen Sullivan as the Strategic Plan consultant.

Carner stated that the report produced by the Aspen Institute Public Libraries Working Group, of which Maureen Sullivan was a member, is an incredible document and action plan.

**ACTION:** The motion passed.

**Parking Lot Sealing and Restriping:** Smith noted that Carr approved awarding JCC Lot Striping, Inc. the contract to reseal and stripe the two north parking lots at CPL this summer. Three additional accessible parking spaces will be added to the north parking lot during the restriping phase after the lot is resealed. In the south parking lot, a drop-off and pick-up area will be designated with new striping. JCC Lot Striping met all criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals and was the low bidder at $6,135.

**Committee Reports**

**Nominating Committee:** Higgins reported that the committee met on April 12 and proposed the following slate of officers for 2016-17:

- **President:** Susan Daly
- **Vice-President/Secretary:** Mary Fennel
- **Warrant Officer:** John French

Carr noted that voting will take place at the June board meeting, and further nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

**New Business**

**Administrative Policies:** The Trustees reviewed the suggested changes to Policy 2-690 (Petitioning, Other Solicitations and Campaigning).
ACTION: Howard moved, Higgins seconded approving Policy 2-690 (Petitioning, Other Solicitations and Campaigning) with edits as presented. The motion passed.

**Miscellaneous**
There was no miscellaneous business

**Public Comment**
There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Staff Comments/Announcements**
There were no announcements from the staff members in attendance.

**Board Comments/Announcements**
Powell noted that her friends who garden appreciate borrowing Playaways and would support a wider selection.

Young commended Carr and the rest of the DBRL staff for gracefully handling the issue that arose during the past week and stated that he is proud that the library stands firm for Freedom of Speech.

Luebbert related his experience staying aboard the USS Arlington for three days last week – including his perusal of the ship’s very small library!

Hostetler noted that the Contract & Bylaws Committee meets on May 18. He encouraged all Trustees to review the documents and let him know if they have suggested changes.

The Trustees briefly discussed misinformation that was shared in the community regarding the contested meeting room use. Carr again reviewed some steps she took in assessing the matter.

Harrison noted that the June board meeting will take place at CCPL.

**Adjournment**
Harrison adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL staff.

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Board Secretary