TRUSTEES PRESENT:
President Brian LaFontaine (Albemarle)
Mary Coy (Nelson)
Jane B. Kulow (Albemarle)
Carla Mullen (Charlottesville)
Vice President Faye Rosenthal (Louisa)
Gary Grant (Albemarle)
Peter McIntosh (Charlottesville)
Tamyra Turner (Charlottesville)

TRUSTEES ABSENT:
Vacant (Greene)

OTHERS PRESENT:
John Halliday-Library Director
DonnaLee Grossman-Administration
William Lyons-Business Manager
Meg Wightman-UVA School of Nursing
Krista Farrell-Assistant Library Director
Christy Hodge-UVA School of Nursing
Ginny Reese-Staff Recorder/Greene Mgr.

The regular monthly meeting of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library’s (JMRL) Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Central Library’s McIntire Room (201 E. Market St., Charlottesville, VA), President Mr. LaFontaine being in the chair. On motion for approval made by Vice President Ms. Rosenthal and seconded by Trustee Mr. Grant, the January 27, 2014 Board Minutes were approved. Trustees Ms. Coy and Mr. McIntosh abstained as they were not present for January’s meeting. Trustees Ms. Kulow and Ms. Mullen were not present in time to participate in the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Mr. LaFontaine mentioned the Scottsville Library plans to invite the public to attend a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 25, 2014 to encourage creation or reorganization of a Friends support group to benefit the community and Scottsville Library. Trustee Mr. Grant admired the business card JMRL uses and the Library Director will have generic business cards made up for distribution to all the Board members for their use.

JMRL’S FIVE-YEAR PLAN (2014-2019) – The Five-Year Plan Committee has been meeting since August contacting groups and individuals through various media sources. The draft Five-Year Plan is available on JMRL’s website and a few individuals have already contacted the Committee to give their input. One suggestion the Committee just received was for JMRL’s music collections and having the staff evaluate them. The Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. The Committee’s recommendation should be presented to the Library Board in March so there is sufficient time to review the 5-Year Plan and have it go into effect by July 1, 2014. Regarding the Salary Study and the salary implementation, Trustee Mr. McIntosh mentioned JMRL should keep salaries up to date and the Library Director confirmed that is in the 5-Year plan for every year.

4-MINUTE VIDEO – A 4-minute video made by a Crozet Elementary 3rd grade teacher was shown at the meeting. The video showed Crozet Elementary students attending and participating in programs held at the new Crozet library.

REVISED POLICY ON DISPLAYS OF ORIGINAL ART – At the January Board meeting a revised Displays of Original Art Policy (Section 4.52) was given to the Board to review in time for their approval at the February Board meeting. A motion for Board approval was made by Trustee Ms. Kulow to accept the revised Displays of Original Art Policy (Section 4.52) as presented. Trustee Mr. McIntosh seconded this motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Please note that the sentence business cards will not be permitted has been omitted from the revised policy.
REVIEW OF OUT-OF-AREA USE STATISTICS – Mr. Lyons distributed charts outlining each jurisdiction/branch indicating by month and year the out-of-area fee collected for each location. The report covers from January 2013–January 2014. The Library Director will continue to keep the Library Board updated.

DISCUSSION OF FY2015 LIBRARY BUDGET – President Mr. Lafontaine announced Trustee Ms. Kulow will be the official Board spokesperson at tonight’s public hearing on Albemarle County’s budget which includes JMRL’s requests. JMRL’s original budget requests had to be adjusted due to revising the estimate for the square footage of Northside. After the revised request was done the Library Director outlined what the Albemarle County Executive and the City Manager planned to recommend for JMRL’s FY2015 budget ($3,792,475 Albemarle and $1,458,354 Charlottesville). There would be approximately an $86,056 deficit from Albemarle which would represent most of JMRL’s requests for increases in staffing and hours. Their recommendations are very supportive including staff raises and support for the new Northside Library. Charlottesville’s proposed budget includes a satellite workforce center to be housed in Central Reference. 8% has been put aside for Health Insurance for next year and JMRL is awaiting confirmation of other costs which could result in more funding being available for other projects. The Library Director, Trustee Ms. Kulow and Crozet’s Manager Ms. Saz have received requests regarding increasing Crozet’s hours. Public comments, particularly the requests for additional open hours, should be sent to the Board of Supervisors. Adoption of the final library budget for FY 2015 will be in May/June.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT – The Big Read—This is the 8th year JMRL has received funding to present a Big Read event to the local community. The City of Charlottesville presented JMRL with a Proclamation Signed by Mayor Satyendra Huja proclaiming The Big Read during March 2014 encouraging all residents of Central Virginia to read and discuss True Grit by Charles Portis during this designated period. The Proclamation mentions The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest and supported by the Art and Jane Hess Fund of the Library Endowment. For the first time kits are available for participating book clubs to pick up. Civil Rights Leader—Thursday night February 27th Civil Rights leader Julian Bond will be speaking at a film event in Crozet. Northside Library Bids—Albemarle has opened the bids for Northside Library and is working on a contract with the low bidder. Optimist Club—The Optimist Club of the Blue Ridge has donated $4,500 for an early literacy computer station of educational software for 2-8 year olds to be housed at Northside. State Aid—The Virginia House and Senate are discussing increases in state aid to see if they can increase state aid to public libraries next year. Central Restrooms—Renovation to Central Library’s restrooms is scheduled to begin this spring. Friends Book Sale—The 49th Friends of JMRL Spring Book Sale begins with a members only preview sale on March 28th between 5-7:00 p.m. with a limit of $50 on purchases. The regular book sale goes from March 29th–April 6th with half-price days on April 5th and 6th. Due to lack of space and parking, the Friends don’t expect to net over $100,000-$110,000 unless they find a new and larger location with parking. Mr. Townsend is overseeing a committee planning for the future of the Friends.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Agenda items include: Five-Year Plan, budget updates, Policy Committee’s report.

PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Ms. Turner made a motion for adjournment and Trustee Mr. McIntosh seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the Board meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Brian LaFontaine, President

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