TRUSTEES PRESENT

President Brian LaFontaine (Albemarle)  
Vice President Mary Coy (Nelson)  
Gary Grant (Albemarle)  
Jane B. Kulow (Albemarle)  
Stephen Walls Mathis (Greene)  
Peter McIntosh (Charlottesville)  
Carla Mullen (Charlottesville)  
Faye Rosenthal (Louisa)  
Tammyra Turner (Charlottesville)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

John Halliday, Library Director  
Shawn Hirabayashi, HR Specialist  
Kobby Hoffman, Charlottesville NOW  
William Lyons, Business Manager  
Mike Powers, Albemarle Co. resident  
Jan Dix, Charlottesville NOW  
Abby Harris, PR Specialist  
Judy Marie Johnson, Charlottesville resident  
Tasha Birkhead, Children’s Specialist  
Toby Zakin, Albemarle Co. resident

The regular monthly meeting of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library’s (JMRL) Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 22, 2015, at 1:03 p.m. in the meeting room of the Northside Library (705 West Rio Road, Charlottesville, VA), President LaFontaine being in the chair. Trustee McIntosh made a motion for the approval of the May 18, 2015 Minutes and Trustee Kulow seconded. The May 18, 2015 Minutes were approved as presented without opposition. Trustee Turner arrived after the vote was taken and Trustee Rosenthal abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trustee Kulow mentioned the Girls of Summer 2015 Live Launch Party on Saturday, June 20 at 1:00pm at the Northside Library. Sponsored by the Charlottesville Junior League, there was much joy and enthusiasm from the audience that included women of all ages and the authors: Meg Medina, Gigi Amanteu, CeCe Bell, and Marilyn Hilton.

Mr. Powers handed out a flyer listing his observations and recommendations concerning the display that was in Central Library during the month of April. In his opinion, “Your Body Your Choice, My Body My Choice,” created by Charlottesville NOW was not appropriate for all ages and an unbalanced political slogan.

Ms. Hoffman also spoke about the display. She felt that it presented information found in the JMRL collection about an issue of huge public concern. She also felt it was age appropriate and that the information, in and of itself, was not political.

President LaFontaine distributed a sheet to the Trustees asking them to select three committees on which they would prefer to serve.

ADOPTION OF FY2016 LIBRARY BUDGET

Mr. Lyons distributed copies of the FY2016 Library Budget (electronic copies of which had been previously emailed). Director Halliday discussed the budget and answered all questions. Trustee McIntosh made a motion to adopt the budget as presented. Trustee Mathis seconded. After a brief discussion the budget was approved as presented with no opposition.

REVIEW OF DISPLAYS AND HANDOUTS POLICY (SECTION 4.51)

Before starting his review, Director Halliday demonstrated the virtual tour of the Crozet Library currently available on the JMRL website. The tour was created by Abby Harris in coordination with Google. In the near future she will create a virtual tour of the Northside library.

Director Halliday then proceeded with the PowerPoint presentation he created regarding the policy issues underlying the “Your Body Your Choice…” display. Stressing that the primary JMRL policy is one of inclusion rather than exclusion, he
stated that he found nothing in the display that went against current policy, nor that the staff was at fault for anything. He did, however, conclude that the policy needed greater specification. He made three recommendations: 1) revise the wording of the Display Use Permission form (JMRL Form: Section 4.51), 2) update the Records Retention and Disposition policy (JMRL Policy: Section 1.7), and 3) review, with legal counsel, the Displays and Handouts Policy (JMRL Policy: Section 4.51). There followed discussion amongst the Trustees. The discussion concluded with President LaFontaine stating the Policy Committee would continue to review the issue and have a report at the next Board meeting.

**FY2016 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Director Halliday distributed a handout of proposed locations for the Board meetings in FY2016. He reminded the Board that the upcoming meetings will be held at 3:00pm instead of 1:00pm. After some discussion in which it was established that these locations could be changed if necessary, Trustee Kulow made a motion that the Proposed FY2016 Library Board Meeting Schedule be accepted as presented. Trustee Grant seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

**ELECTION OF FY2016 LIBRARY BOARD OFFICERS**

Trustee Mullen reminded the Board that the Nominating Committee had recommended that for FY2016 President LaFontaine continue in his position and that Trustee Mathis take on the Vice Presidency. Trustee Mullen made a motion that the Board accept the committee’s recommendation. Vice President Coy seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

- Director Halliday distributed copies of the Summer 2015 iteration of “Beyond the Books.” Abby Harris, the person responsible for the guide, won a PR Xchange Award from the American Library Association for the JMRL brochure she created, “A Library in the 21st Century.” The award was Best in Show in the category of Advocacy (print).
- The Friends of the Library gave grants to JMRL of over $138,000. Among them is $9,000 for adult programming. In addition, the Friends will be giving $75,000 for the acquisition of Crozet materials.
- The Endowment Committee met and awarded four grants. Among them is the pilot program, “Scottsville Scholarships,” which will cover the $30 out-of-area fee for those residents who have Scottsville addresses, but live Fluvanna or Buckingham Counties (instead of Albemarle County).
- As part of the current 5-Year Plan, surveying has begun to establish JMRL’s compliance with the American with Disabilities Act.
- In conjunction with the Charlottesville Neighborhood Development Department, JMRL is creating a “patron map.” This will reveal the well-served and underserved neighborhoods in Charlottesville and help steer programming.
- The increased hours for Scottsville will begin in July. The library will be open until 9:00pm on Thursdays.
- The Virginia Library Association Legislative Committee has proposed to lobby for an increase in state aid of $5,000,000 over two years. The benefit to JMRL would be about $100,000 in the first year and $200,000 in the second year.
- Wendy Craig will be the new Trustee from Louisa County.
- Jacie Dunkle, owner of Tin Whistle in Charlottesville, has proposed that instead of vending machines she will staff a coffee service at Northside Library. Director Halliday will check with the JMRL attorney to see if there are any legal issues.

**GOODBYE TO VICE PRESIDENT COY AND TRUSTEE ROSENTHAL**

After 7 and 8 years of service, respectively, Vice President Coy and Trustee Rosenthal are leaving the Board. They were gifted with silver bowls and the traditional placement of “In Honor of” stamps in specially selected books in the JMRL collection.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There will be a report from the Policy Committee. Meredith Dickens will give a presentation on collection development.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kulow seconded. The motion passed without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Brian LaFontaine, President