On Tuesday, March 15, 2016, President Steve Imming called the monthly meeting of the Davenport Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 12:02 p.m.

Present: Craig Cooper, Tom Engelmann, Dave Iglehart, Steve Imming, Judie Lance, Amanda Motto and Sylvia Roba. Absent: Matt Casillas & Jimmy Holt.

Others present: Greg Lundgren, Ex-Officio; Amy Groskopf, Library Director; Michael Priest, Assistant Director; Patrick McElyea, FRIENDS of DPL President; Tracy Moore, Development Officer; Eric Gravert, City Engineering; and Kasey Shipley, Recorder.

Groskopf introduced Priest as the new Assistant Director. He has been with the library about eight months, first hired as Fairmount Branch Supervisor. All around the table introduced themselves.

Engelmann motioned to approve the consent agenda items that included the agenda, February 16 and March 2 meeting minutes and financial reports. Roba seconded the motion and all present approved.

FRIENDS Report: McElyea was not at the FRIENDS' meeting last week but noted the board plans to make a motion at the April meeting to make Terry Strader a SuperFRIEND posthumously. Groskopf noted that the Stay at Home and Read Ball invitations have been printed and will be mailed to FRIENDS and donors around April 1. She will be meeting with Melissa Osen, FRIENDS' treasurer, to go over financials before the annual meeting in April.

Finance Report: No report.

Personnel Report: No report.

Director's Report: Groskopf noted in her report that she met with Mallory Merritt regarding questions on the library levy account and how it is being used. After a few years of growth, Finance looked at the fund balance capping it at $487,000 and has been using the balance at the end of the fiscal year to cover library expenditures in General Operating fund, moving that to other city expenses outside the library. Engelmann respectfully disagrees with this practice and believes it is the board's purview to set library budget and adhere to it. He would be interested in the wording of the referendum and if moving these funds the way they have is above their reach. After much discussion, the plan is to ask for an independent legal opinion before asking Brandon Wright or Merritt to come to a meeting to discuss. Ian Russell and Jack Darland were two names suggested as independent counsel. The closer we get to changes in RiverShare, the more questions staff is getting from users. St Ambrose holds stop today and Illinois library holds end April 17. Good news from Davenport Schools. We may be able to utilize their student database to connect their students with Davenport Public Library cards. Our staff will work with school librarians to promote this next school year. Private schools will also be addressed. Library staff is working with the QC Times on a second pictorial history book. The library received good awareness from the first volume, has control over content accuracy, and receives a free book for every 10 images they use from our collection.

Old Business: Imming asked board to submit names of possible board candidates to him. If someone with experience in fundraising or engineering, all the better. Groskopf and Imming would be happy to meet with anyone interested to provide more information, or they are welcome to attend a meeting.

New Business: After much discussion regarding the firms that presented at the March 2 Special Meeting, Roba motioned to approve Legat as the consultant, provisional upon meeting with Imming and Groskopf to

discuss any concerns as well as negotiation of cost for services. Engelmann seconded with all present approving the motion.

Groskopf asked if the board had objections to pursuing a change to the meeting room policy to include use by for-profits and charging a fee. Many local libraries do this with their meeting rooms. Engelmann asked if we could acquire the policies for those libraries to examine their parameters.

With no further business, Engelmann motioned to adjourn at 12:57 p.m. Motto seconded the motion and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kasey Shipley, recorder