CALL TO ORDER:
President Sailer called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM

ROLL CALL:
Trustees Present:
President: Ran Sailer                                   Vice President: Kelli Christiansen
Treasurer: Molly McGinnis Knapke     Secretary: Gina Meyers
Trustee: Jill Clouse
Trustee: Chris Crawford
Trustee: Barbara Rundell

The President declared that a quorum of the Board was present at the meeting.

Library Staff Present:
Library Director: Dawn Bussey

New Business:

Trustee Discussion of Statistical Comparison of GEPL to Other Area Libraries and to Public Libraries Across the Nation:
Director Bussey and the Board of Trustees discussed the statistical data presented. It was noted GEPL is outperforming the national averages and local public libraries used for comparison with the exception of Elmhurst Public Library, which has a higher Per Capita circulation than GEPL. It was noted that the slight downturn in GEPL statistics and the overall downturn in other libraries statistics may indeed be due to the improving economy. The importance of gathering other statistics and collecting outcome data to better reflect the changing usage patterns of the library was discussed.

Trustee Discussion of Pew Research Center Survey Results and Recent Articles:
The Board noted finding the study results and articles both helpful and informative.

Trustee Discussion of Center for Future of Libraries Trends:
The Board discussed what these trends could mean in terms of library programs and services.

Trustees Discussion of Brainstorming Ideas from Staff In-Service:
The Board reviewed the list of ideas.

Trustees Brainstorm for New Ideas:
A large variety of ideas were discussed mainly in the areas of programming, services and marketing. Director Bussey will oversee the implementation of at least five of these new ideas in 2016, namely advertising the list of most popular titles read by GE members in 2015, a bus trip to Printers Row in June, a musical concert series, a kindergarten readiness program and
increased activity with the 60+ book groups to which we currently provide books each month. The other ideas will be discussed with Department Heads and used to draft the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan. Core operational functions (infrastructure, administration, programming, staffing) are all in excellent shape. Board consensus was that their focus should be on the overall member experience going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM

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Ran Sailer, President