President Friedman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was announced that the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska was posted and available for inspection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Schimek moved to approve the agenda as posted. Second by Marvin. Roll Call Vote: Berg, Florence, Friedman, Marvin, Schimek, Speicher – aye; McKillip – absent. Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Schimek moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015, meeting as distributed. Second by Florence. Roll Call Vote: Florence, Friedman, Marvin, Schimek, Speicher, Berg - aye; McKillip - absent. Motion carried 6-0.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of Administration - Friedman reported that the committee responded to the article in the Lincoln Journal Star written by Nancy Hicks, “Pershing Market could include apartments, restaurants, bike shop.” The response appeared on February 11, 2015, “Local View: An ideal location for new library.”

Buildings & Grounds Committee:

(Kathy McKillip arrived at this time.)

Facility Plan: Berg reported on the development of the plan and did a quick review of the plan. Board members are asked to review the plan and note questions or comments and bring them to the March 17 Board meeting. The Facilities Plan will be discussed and finalized at that meeting.

Finance Committee: Florence reviewed the recap of expenditures listing claims in the amount of $697,235.00. Florence moved approval of the report and payment of all claims. Second by Berg. Roll Call Vote: Friedman, Marvin, McKillip, Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence - aye. Motion carried 7-0.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS:

Central Library Committee: Schimek reported that meetings have been held with Trent Fellers and Leirion Gaylor Baird. Meetings with DOug Emery and Roy Christensen have been scheduled.

Central Library Marketing: Schimek reported that the Local View piece in the Journal Star was very good. He has been having lots of people comment on the article and ask questions about the library.
Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries - Gail McNair was absent. Leach noted that invitations to the 60th anniversary event have been mailed.

One Book - One Lincoln: Marvin reported that the selection committee will meet the first week in March to begin the selection process. Marvin requested that board members go online and submit their favorite titles. Additional marketing will be done to encourage additional submissions.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Friedman asked how the Central Library White Paper was coming along. Speicher reported that she received the most recent draft last week. Leach and McNair have met to discuss the draft and have recommended several updates. This is an ongoing project that needs additional work. The document is not ready to be shared.

The White Paper makes the case for a new central library by referring to national research and local situations. The document will be used by the Foundation when meeting with community committees and donors.

Ed Tricker, Leach, and Friedman are meeting with members of the Editorial Board of the Journal Star. Friedman noted this is a pivotal meeting. Without their support, the library has an even bigger uphill battle. Friedman noted he is also having a meeting with Jim Seacrest.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Leach reviewed the Aspen Report information dealing with the library as place. This report provides some very good language about place and how library places are community assets. They include:

- Establish personal connections that help define community needs and interests.
- Provide an anchor for economic development and neighborhood revitalization.
- Strengthen community identity in ways that yield significant return on investment, including drawing people together for diverse purposes.
- Provide a safe and trusted location for community services such as health clinics, emergency response centers, small business incubators, workforce development centers and immigrant resource centers.
- Create connecting places in new locations that draw people together -- shopping malls, big box stores, airports and mobile buses.

Leach reported that staff continues to work on the Internet fiber project. Funding is key. The Mayor has approved using keno and unallocated funds. The Library was part of a grant request to the Public Service Commission. If that grant is awarded, the amount of keno and unallocated funds used can be adjusted and allocated to other needs.

The library is moving toward a new Integrated Library System (ILS) and is setting an aggressive timeline for going live, April 30, 2015. Lincoln City Libraries will leave the Pioneer consortium at that time. Assistant Library Director Julee Hector is overseeing this project.

Progress continues to be made on updating the library’s website.

Long time staff person Peggy Loos retired on February 4. Her main focus was on children's service.

The Management Team is meeting to set priorities to support the 2014-2017 strategic plan.
Leach reported that presentations to community groups continue. She recently recorded an NET radio All About Books segment. A presentation was made at the Mayor’s Cabinet meeting. Leach will share this presentation to the Library Board at its March meeting.

ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Hector reported that she recently attended the American Library Association (ALA) MidWinter Conference in Chicago. As president elect of the Nebraska Library Association she attended Chapter Leader forums. Brenda Ealey, Gere Branch Manager, also attended the conference representing the Nebraska Library Association at the ALA Council. The benefit of attending the chapter forums is realizing that Nebraska has a lot in common with other states. Advocacy and getting the message out are important.

While at the conference Hector was able to visit with library directors from Denver and San Diego about their Maker Spaces. We have open invitations to visit at any time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.