The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Schimek. It was announced the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska was posted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Meeting Notice/Agenda was posted according to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska. Friedman moved the agenda be approved as posted. Second by Berg. Roll Call Vote: Berg, Florence, Friedman, McKillip, Schimek, Speicher – aye; Marvin – absent. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None. (Marvin arrived at this time.)

APPROVAL JUNE 17, 2014, MEETING MINUTES: Friedman moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014, Library Board meeting as published. Second by Speicher. Roll Call Vote: Florence, Friedman, Marvin, McKillip, Schimek, Speicher, Berg – aye. Motion carried 7-0.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on Administration – No report.

Committee on Buildings & Grounds –
Facility Study - Berg reported that he visited branch libraries last week with library staff to evaluate the facilities and determine what needs to be done at each location. A written report will be developed with estimated costs.

Approval of Renewal of Security Contract – Leach reported that the security contract which was entered into last year is up for renewal. The cost of this contract is on an hourly basis with annual cost not to exceed $45,200. Berg moved to renew the security contract with Lincoln Guards Company for fiscal year 2014-2015 at a cost not to exceed $45,200. Second by Marvin. Roll Call Vote: Marvin, McKillip, Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence, Friedman – aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee on Finance –
Monthly Recap Report - Marvin reported on the recap of expenditures for June 2014 listing claims in the amount of $772,408.32. Marvin moved approval of the report and payment of all claims. Second by Friedman. Roll Call Vote: Friedman, Marvin, McKillip, Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence. Motion carried 7-0.

Line Item Adjustment – Leach requested that the Library Board approve adjustments to line items to account for expenditures during the fiscal year. Paul Jones, Business Office
Accountant, explained that during the year some line items are underspent and some overspent due to fluctuations in utilities, changes in personnel, etc. The projected expenditure report included in the meeting packet reflects the estimated expenditures compared to the budgeted amount. Leach pointed out that the projected surplus at the end of the year is just under $600. Speicher moved to approve the line item adjustments as requested. Second by Friedman. Roll Call Vote: McKillip, Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence, Friedman, Marvin – aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**Nominating Committee:** On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Friedman presented the following slate of officers for fiscal year 2014-15:

- President: Herb Friedman
- Vice President: Donna Marvin
- Treasurer: Mathaellen Florence

Friedman moved approval of the slate of officers. Second by McKillip. Roll Call Vote: Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence, Friedman, Marvin, McKillip – aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Main Library** – McKillip reported the committee would be meeting during the next month to discuss the current campaign activity and the Foundation’s work.

Berg noted that there is a line item in the Mayor’s budget for the demolition of Pershing Center. Leach stated that the city’s Capital Improvements Plan does include a line for the demolition of Pershing but it is unclear if a funding source has been identified. A date has not been set for the demolition.

**Foundation Liaison & Executive Director Report** - McNair thanked everyone who attended the library engagement and awareness campaign kickoff. Brendan Wamstad-Evans of Research Associates (RA) was not able to attend the Board meeting but McNair reported the library awareness campaign is going great. RA has people approaching asking to be involved and share their stories. Right now that is the best indicator of success. At the end of the day the goal is to have people understand what is going on at the libraries and to be engaged. Posters are on display at the libraries and other locations around Lincoln – coffee shops, stores, places with bulletin boards. If anyone has locations they would like to display the posters, copies can be provided. There are currently more than a dozen people who have submitted pictures and quotes. The number is unlimited; again, if you’d like to participate contact Brendan to have your picture taken and provide a quote why libraries are valuable to you. McNair is meeting with radio stations to investigate the cost of advertising and is working on the donation of a billboard. A new Friends brochure is being developed that will incorporate the campaign. The newsletter will be out at the end of August. This will be the first joint newsletter with NLHA. The book sale is fast approaching with the preview event on Wednesday, October 1st. Tickets for the pre-event are available for purchase on the Foundation website at a cost of $35 for Friends. Costs for the book sale continue to increase making it necessary to increase the price of the materials on the sale. Paperbacks will be selling for $1 and hardback books will sell for $2. The Book Nooks that were installed in the libraries in January 2013 are doing well, grossing over $16,000. In addition to adding funds to book sale proceeds, the Book Nooks provide a community service.
Lincoln Cares – No report.

One Book – One Lincoln – Marvin reported that voting is open through July 25. The winning title will be announced on Tuesday, September 2.

Technology – No report.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Schimek reported on the press conference that launched to Foundation’s awareness campaign and thanked everyone for their participation.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Leach introduced Robin McDannel of United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County. McDannell was a member of the committee which pulled together the Vital Signs report for Lincoln. This information was used by Library staff as background for the updating of the Library’s strategic plan.

McDannel provided background information regarding the need for the Lincoln Vital Signs data. The Public Policy Center assisted by pulling together data from census information, Health Department, police department and other sources. Lincoln Vital Signs has current data about Lincoln in seven key areas: Community Profile, Economy and Workforce, Basic Needs, Education, Health, Safety, and Community Involvement and Culture. There are three cross-cutting themes: 1) Lincoln does many things exceptionally well and these successes need to be nurtured. 2) A growing proportion of Lincoln’s population faces real need. 3.) Lincoln’s children fare poorly on many measures. A copy of the executive summary was distributed. The next step is to get the information out to the community, engage the community in a common agenda, and develop common measurements. Everyone is encouraged to visit the website and become informed and contribute where ever they can.

Leach provided a brief budget update. The Library’s hearing before the City Council is July 16 at 1:45 p.m. The Library’s budget is a continuation of service budget. Leach reported that she attended the Next Library conference in Chicago last month. This international group involved libraries in Denmark and an international scholars group from a variety of countries. The main themes were connecting to learning with a lot of information about “maker spaces.” Briefly, this involves space with things such as 3-D printers, vinyl cutters, green screens, video-audio production, etc. that the public can use to create or inspire learning. A great example of this was seen at the Chicago Children’s Museum. They have a tinker space where kids work with tools, including drills, hammers, saws, nails and screws. It should be noted that a band aid has fixed any injury that has occurred.

The potential project at Jensen Park, located at 84th and Yankee Hill, is before the City Council regarding the sale of about 25 acres to Lincoln Public Schools for a combined middle school/YMCA. There is a place holder on this site for a potential branch library.

Leach presented the closing schedule for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Library staff continues to meet with Lincoln Public Schools regarding a potential Internet project that might use federal funds available through e-rate funds. If a successful application is made we may be able to work with Lincoln Public Schools to have a bigger pipe for better Internet access. It would also strengthen the density of our Wi-Fi. We are partnering with Lincoln Public Schools on this project because schools and libraries are eligible for e-rate and because
Lincoln Public Schools is moving towards issuing all students tablets. Those students, who do not have wireless access at home, would be able to access Wi-Fi at the public libraries. The Library needs to make sure that our wireless capabilities are strong enough for them. If there are 30 kids in the library after school, we have to assure that our Wi-Fi gives them all access.

Leach continues to schedule one-on-one meetings with community members regarding the main library. Public appearances included NET radio’s Friday Live to promote Polley Music Library and press conference for the public engagement campaign kickoff.

Each year Lincoln City Libraries receives state aid from the Nebraska Library Commission which this year totals about $54,000. This money has been earmarked for media purchases ($45,000), technology ($5,000) and attendance at programs and conference ($4,000). This is similar to how the funds have been used in the past.

The Foundation unrestricted funds that were received this year total just over $62,000. A good deal of that money is being used to upgrade our programming spaces. Funds this year will be used to purchase:
- Meeting room chairs at Eiseley and Walt branches - $25,000
- Youth programming - $12,000
- Grant matches - $5,000
- Urban Libraries Council membership - $7,000
- Harvest of Books bags - $2,500
- Booths and associated handouts - $5,000
- Radio promotion for summer reading program - $1,000
- Display furniture - $4,000

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Hector reported that she attended the American Library Association conference in Las Vegas. The tours of the newer libraries in the Las Vegas system were very interesting. The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District has its own taxing district and does not have a problem raising funds for library facilities. Confirmation has been received that a new boiler needs to be purchased for Bennett Martin Public Library. This project is in process and will come before the Library Board for approval. The RFP for property management should be released within the next week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.