

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees
July 21, 2021**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Asselmeier
Members present: Asselmeier, Haan , Klade, Parsons Keeney
Members absent: Gelbaugh, Klein, Harter
Director: Gross
Assistant Director: Marsh
No Public

Special Agenda Items: No items

Consent Agenda: Motion Parsons/Keeney to approve minutes of the June 15, 2021 regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Financial Report: Gross reviewed the written financial report. Ready to close out the Bond. Building construction came in with final numbers under budget.

President's Report- No Report

**Director's Report – Gross reviewed written Director's report.
Assistant Director Marsh reported on activities for summer reading so far 350 children have signed up.
Children's area is being completed with interactive activities.**

Committee Reports

Budget : No report
Building & Grounds – No report
Building- wrapping up small projects that need to be completed.
Endowment- no report
Personnel – no report
Public Relations – no report

Trustee Comments: Haan: Thank you Joe for your kind words in the Director's report on my resignation from the Board. It seems like 30 years can fly by yet lots has happened in those 30 years. I started as a trustee at the time we were adding on to the old building and ending my term with a brand new up to date building. It has been an honor to serve on the Board and to work with some really wonderful people who make Plainwell a special place. Of course Greta was one of my mentors and she always reminded us it was about the Library and the people we serve at the Library. And Pat Davis who could always find a way to get us in trouble, like stealing a painting from the Bank (on orders from Greta). There was a stressful time a few years back, but it was a time to remind us we need to follow the By Laws and our oath. From that time I believe we grew stronger and have worked together to become a board that listens to each other and respects each other's opinions to make better and more educated decisions. We have had Directors like Jan Park, Theresa Standard and Katie Bell Moore who guided us in positive directions and now with the leadership of Joe and Erin I believe the best is yet to come. I have treasured the friendships I have made as a trustee and wish you all the very best.

Comments from Public – no public

**Continued Business – 2nd Reading Security and Confidentiality Polices will be added to the August Agenda
Officer and Committee Assignments – will be added to August Agenda**

New Business: Motion Keeney/Klade to approve the engagement letter from Siefried Crandall dated May 18, 2021 to perform the audit at a cost not to exceed \$4400.00. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn Haan/Keeney carried.

*Respectfully submitted
Connie Haan, Secretary*

**Board of Trustees Meeting
July 20, 2021**

Director's Report

Financial

- At the end of 12 months, we have received 105% of our budgeted income, and we have spent 86% of our budgeted expenditures.

Administrative

- After many years of wonderful service on the Board, most of those years serving as Secretary, Connie Haan is retiring from the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees. We will miss her, and greatly appreciate her important contributions throughout her time with the Library. Thank you, Connie!
- The Library returned to full operating hours on Tuesday, July 6, for the first time since March of 2020.
- We were visited on July 16 by a representative of MMRMA to assess our new facility for liability purposes.
- Today we welcomed Analiese Mattson to our team as Head of Patron Services. We're very excited for all that she brings to our Library.
- Over the past weekend, the Eventbrite children's museum feature was installed in the JBS Children's Discovery Library. The Eventbrite is one of the central interactives we planned for our exciting new Children's Library, and we thank JBS again for their large donation that is making it possible.