

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Charles A. Ransom District Library – August 16, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Asselmeier at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Keeney, Vance, Haan, Parsons, Klein, Asselmeier, Klade

Absent: Gelbaugh

Director Gross

Assistant Director Marsh

No Public

Special agenda Items: no items

Consent agenda: Minutes of July 19 2016 – Motion Vance/Keeney to approve as written. Carried

Financial Report: written – Gross reviewed the financial report dated July 31, 2016. End of month one received .1% of the budgeted income and expenses at 9% of budgeted expenses.

President's Report – no report

Director's Report –

- **Library received \$500.00 from the VFW, Plainwell Memorial Post 9377. With a thank you to Sandy Stamm for her work preserve biographies of local fallen heroes.**
- **Clark Technical Services will begin installation when the hard wire arrives.**
- **Preparing to launch a Seed Library**
- **Mark Adams will paint the exterior front entrance**

Marsh reported that summer reading enrolled 585 children- 460 youth and 125 teens. Great job!

Committee Reports:

Budget: no report

Building and Grounds – no report

Endowment – no report

Personnel – no report

Public Relations – Vance is still working with the city to find Library signs. The post are located however the signs are missing.

Trustee Comments-

- **Parsons suggested the Library invite the new superintendents for Allegan Co and Plainwell to an upcoming meeting. This will be done after the school year starts.**
- **Klein asked if we were expecting a report or more information from Blair Bates**

Comments from Public – no public

Continued Business

The Board reviewed with Gross and Marsh the staff “wish list” for a new Library space. Ideas for dual use and singular use areas, and bringing the river as more a focal point. Needs to have various conference rooms of different sizes, areas for studying and tutors. Use of a dividing wall and with concern for noise and sound proofing. What is the next step? Architect or Contractor?

New Business- No new Business

Adjournment – 8:15 p.m. Keeney/Parsons, carried

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Haan, Secretary