

## Minutes of the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees – May 19, 2009

Meeting was called to order by President Asselmeier at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Klein, Keeney, Heed, Davis, Gelbaugh, Haan, Asselmeier

Members absent: Prentice

Others Present: Acting Director Erin Marsh

No Public

Minutes of the April 21, 2009, meeting were reviewed. Motion Klein/Keeney to approve minutes with the correction: Mural Update should read...The motion at the March 24, 2009 meeting can not be renewed under Robert's Rules. Motion Carried.

**Financial Report:** No report was submitted.

**President's Report:** No Report

**Director's Report:** Acting Director Marsh reported;

- Contractors are preparing to begin the back stoop repairs.
- Horace Patton Moore IV arrived on May 10, 2009
- Programs: Food Factor and gardening programs were well attended. Thank you to Beth Dobry and Pat Davis for making the programs possible.
- Program for Summer Reading program has been published.

### Committee Reports:

Budget:

- Meeting set for June 4<sup>th</sup> to review budget proposal.

Building and Grounds: Met on May 13<sup>th</sup> Items discussed:

- Mural project and grant received from Michigan Council for the Arts.
- Ongoing maintenance – public restrooms, painting of interior and litter outside
- Repair of grandfather clock
- Ongoing Landscape projects
- Chairman Davis provided an additional report besides meeting meetings that she distributed to the board regarding the mural project and the Burchfield Room.

Endowment: No Report

Personnel: No Report

Public Relations: No Report

**Trustees Comments:** Klein expressed concern with the tone of the May 16<sup>th</sup> article in the Kalamazoo Gazette and the description of the Gun Plain Twp. Board meeting. He felt it was wrong for a board member to campaign to replace another board member. If board members have differences it should be discussed within the Library and not at a public township meeting. He respects both board members and feels both are wonderful people.

**Comments from Public:** No public

### Continued Business:

- Mural project was discussed and board members each expressed their feelings on whether to continue the project or return the grant. The general consensus on its merit the mural project was a good project, however, it was not presented for board final approval for placement around the fireplace. When board members approved seeking the grant they did not approve placement around the fireplace. Due to the March 24<sup>th</sup> vote to discontinue the mural around the fireplace can not be completed as originally presented. After discussion:

*Motion Keeney/Haan to finish the mural on the ride side of the fireplace and use any remainder of the grant to incorporate the criteria of the grant in a mural behind the circulation desk. Upon completion of the murals bids will be sought to paint the remainder of the interior walls.*

*Roll call vote: Keeney yes, Gelbaugh no, Davis yes, Klein abstain, Haan yes, Heed yes, Asselmeier yes  
Vote 1 abstain, 1 no, 5 yes motion carried.*

**Continued Business - continued**

- Budget for 2009-10 final budget will be presented at the June regular meeting.

**New Business:**

- President Asselmeier appointed the Prentice, Klein and Gelbaugh to the Nominating Committee

**Next meeting will be July 21, 2009**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Klein/Keeney 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Haan, Secretary