

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Charles A. Ransom District Library Board of Trustees January 15, 2013

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

Members present: Klade, Klein, Asselmeier, Haan, Parsons, Gelbaugh

Members absent: Keeney, Vance

Director: Bell Moore

Assistant Director: Gross

Friends Representative: Phil Caruso

Minutes of the December 18, 2012, meeting were reviewed. Motion Klade/Gelbaugh carried.

Financial Report: At this time no recommended transfers are due. The Budget Committee will meet Sunday, January 27th at 1:00 p.m. to review mid year financials and will make recommendations for changes at the February meeting.

President's Report: No report

Director's Report: as written

Financial

- *No recommended budget transfers due to the upcoming mid-year budget revision.*

Administrative

- *The renewal process for our liability insurance through MMRMA is under way, so I should have our new quote fairly soon.*
- *I have contacted Michigan Employee Benefit Services (MEBS) to begin exploring healthcare options for our staff.*
- *There have been some changes to Michigan's Open Meetings Act, effective December 31, 2012. These changes mostly pertain to new website posting requirements. I have included the full bulletin from MLA's legal counsel in your board packet.*
- *Hartzell-Mika prepared a helpful analysis of the proposed Personal Property Tax elimination and reimbursement issue. I have included the full report in your board packet, but the bottom line of their assessment is that if voters approve the 80% reimbursement plan currently proposed, our property tax collection will only decrease by approximately 1.8%.*
- *The library will be participating in the Fourth Annual Plainwell Winter Art Hop on Friday, February 15. We will once again be hosting a student art exhibit, which was a huge hit last year!*
- *The library is also once again partnering with Life Care Center of Plainwell and Clearwater Financial to present the Sixth Annual Plainwell Senior Expo. The Expo will be held on Friday, March 29th in the Plainwell High School cafeteria.*

Committee Reports:

Budget: No report
Building and Grounds: No report
Endowment: No report
Personnel: No report
Public Relations: No report

Trustee Comments No comments

Comments from the Public: Phil Caruso informed the Board of the upcoming Book Sale

Continued Business: Review of the Board Members thoughts regarding the 3 Library visits .

New Business: Discussion of the patron complaint about the name for the youth Valentine Party. The Board consensus was both Katie and Joe addressed the issue in a timely and correct manner.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Haan, Secretary