

**Minutes for the regular meeting of the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees  
March 15th, 2022**

Meeting called to order by President Asselmeier at 7:02 p.m.

**Members Present**

Asselmeier, Burt, Harter, Keeney, Klade, Parsons  
Director Gross, Assistant Director Marsh  
Public: none

**Special Agenda Items**

None

**Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of the February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Ransom Library Board  
A motion was made (Keeney/Harter) to approve minutes as presented. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

**Financial Report**

- The Library has received 76% of its budgeted income, and has spent 59% of its budgeted expenditures.

**President's Report**

- Asselmeier and Gross visited the Copper Township Trustees and updated them on what the Library has accomplished.

**Director's Report**

- As attached.
- At the February Southwest Michigan Digital Library meeting, it was decided that the Overdrive Committee will work on improving the digital library and how it's used.
- The new Ransom District Library website was launched March 4, 2022.

**Assistant's Report**

- Dr. Seuss Night was a huge success with over 540 people in attendance.
- The Friends of the Library is donating the funds to cover all of the children's programs for June.

**Committee Reports**

- Budget (Gelbaugh) - did not meet
- Building and Grounds (Klade) - did not meet
- Endowment (Klade) - did not meet
- Human Resources (Parsons) - did not meet
- Policy (Harter) - did not meet
- Public Relations (Burt) - did not meet

**Trustee Comments**

- Keeney announced that the Mayor of Otsego passed away this week.
- Parsons asked if the Library has enough books that discuss diversity; Gross confirmed that the Library does have several books by best-selling authors.

- Asselmeier and Gross will be attending the City of Plainwell's May meeting and invited any other board member who would like to attend.

**Comments from the Public**

None

**Continued Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Meeting was adjourned (Keeney/Parsons) at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Burt  
Board Trustee

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 15, 2022**

**Director's Report**

**Financial**

- At the end of 8 months, we have received 76% of our budgeted income, and we have spent 59% of our budgeted expenditures.

**Administrative**

- On February 24, I attended a special Southwest Michigan Digital Library meeting intended to decide how to improve digital library services from Overdrive for the cooperative. As a result of the meeting, it was determined that the coop would turn over the care of our Overdrive account to the Overdrive company for four months. During this time, the coop will revamp its Overdrive Committee.
- I attended the Library of Michigan's first of two strategic planning workshops on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. What I have learned so far tells me our Board of Trustees is on the right track with plans to engage the community. The second workshop is scheduled for March 17.
- The Library enjoyed a successful return to Art Hop on March 11, and we would like to thank the Elementary School Art Teachers from Plainwell Community Schools for their enthusiasm and hard work. We look forward to many more years of hosting work from the community's young artists.
- The new Ransom District Library website launched on March 4, and while we are still working out the kinks, we love the new site.
- Dr. Seuss Night returned to Ransom District Library on March 8 with over 600 joyful participants.