

***Minutes for the regular meeting of the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees  
May 16th, 2023***

Meeting called to order by President Asselmeier at 7:06 p.m.

**Members Present**

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

**Special Agenda Items**

- None

**Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of the April 18, 2023 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 100% of its budgeted income for the fiscal year, and has spent 72% of its budgeted expenditures.

**President's Report**

- None

**Director's Report**

- The Library and Plainwell Community Ed hosted a successful Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Luncheon, with over 80 senior citizens in attendance.
- The Library is partnering with Gilkey Elementary in maintaining a Book Vending Machine, which will be used as a reward to students.

**Assistant's Report**

- The theme for the Summer Reading Program is "All Together Now" and the programs will focus on appealing to people of various ages, cultures, and interests.

**Committee Reports**

- Budget (Gelbaugh) - did not meet.
- Building and Grounds (Dahlquist) - did not meet.
- Endowment (Klade) - did not meet.
- Human Resources (Parsons) - did not meet.
- Policy (Harter) - did not meet.
- Public Relations (Burt) - The Union Enterprise mentioned the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Luncheon.

**Trustee Comments**

- None

**Comments from the Public**

- None

**Continued Business**

- 1st Reading of the Full 2023-2024 Library Budget - The Board discussed the proposed budget with no specific modifications.

**New Business**

- None

Next Meeting: June 20, 2023

Meeting was adjourned (Keeney/Harter) at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Burt  
Board Trustee

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 16, 2023**

**Director's Report**

**Financial**

- At the end of 10 months, we have received 100% of our budgeted income, and we have spent 72% of our budgeted expenditures.

**Administrative**

- I have received preliminary quotes from our insurance plan, and the cost of our current POS plan from Priority has risen by 6.2%.
- The Library enjoyed a very well-attended collaboration with Plainwell Community Ed, hosting the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Luncheon. Over 80 local senior citizens attended the event in the Hill Performance Room.
- We are partnering with Gilkey Elementary School on their new book vending machine. The Library will cover a portion of the cost of installation, and then provide books for the machine. The books, which the students get to keep for positive achievements, will carry branding from Ransom District Library.
- We have received the Library's L-4029 form, which indicates about 6.1% growth in taxable value for our district. The Library was also not subjected to any Headlee Rollback this year.
- With our taxing information in hand, we have begun the process of setting the 2023/24 debt levy with PFM, our municipal advisors.
- Summer Reading Programs for adults and children are set to begin in early June, happily embracing the "All Together Now" theme suggested by the State Library.