

***Minutes for the regular meeting of the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees
May 21st, 2024***

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

Members Present

Asselmeier, Burt, Dahlquist, Gelbaugh, Keeney, Klade, Parsons
Director Gross, Assistant Director Marsh
Public: None

Special Agenda Items

- None

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Ransom Library Board:
A motion was made (Keeney/Dahlquist) to approve minutes as presented. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Financial Report

- At the end of 10 months, the Library has received 106% of its budgeted income for the fiscal year, and has spent 73% of its budgeted expenditures.

President's Report

- Any Trustee willing to donate to the Go Ransom millage renewal campaign should see Director Gross after the meeting.

Director's Report

- With the help of a grant from The Home Depot and a donation from The Friends of Ransom Library, a Community Garden will be installed on the island in the middle of the parking lot.
- The Library's annual fire inspection was completed successfully.
- The Library and the City of Plainwell worked together to distribute saplings in honor of Arbor Day.
- The 2024/2025 Debt Levy has gone down since last year from .74 mil to .64 mil.
- The L-4029 form has arrived; there is a taxable value increase of 6.8% and a Headlee Rollback from 1.4669 to 1.4560 operational mills.
- New security cameras have been installed.

Assistant's Report

- The Youth Library team is gearing up for the summer reading program: Adventure Begins at the Library on June 10th.

Committee Reports

- Budget (Gelbaugh) - met on May 1st and will discuss budget during New Business.

- Building and Grounds (Dahlquist) - Wainscoting project in the Hill Room is in progress.
- Endowment (Klade) - did not meet.
- Human Resources (Parsons) - did not meet.
- Policy (Harter) - did not meet.
- Public Relations (Burt) - Union Enterprise published an article about the Library and Help Me Grow Allegan's programs.

Trustee Comments

- None

Comments from the Public

- None

Continued Business

- Credit Card Use Policy - A motion was made (Parsons/Keeney) to seek an Organizational Credit Card from Huntington Bank. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

New Business

- 1st Reading of the 2024/2025 Library Budget - Budget was reviewed and Trustee comments will be taken into consideration for the next meeting.
- Anyone who is interested in a Board position for next year should contact Parsons.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm (Keeney/Dahlquist).

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Burt
Board Trustee