

***Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees
March 17, 2026***

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

Members Present

Asselmeier, Burt, Dahlquist, Gelbaugh, Harter, Keeney, Parsons
Director Gross, Asst. Director Marsh
Public: Two residents of Plainwell

Special Agenda Items

- None

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Ransom Library Board:
A motion was made (Dahlquist/Keeney) to approve the minutes as presented. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Financial Report

- At the end of 8 months, the Library has received 76% of its budgeted income for the fiscal year, and has spent 63% of its budgeted expenditures.

President's Report

- None

Director's Report

- The Library is in the process of updating the website to comply with ADA requirements. It should be complete in a few months.
- The cost of the General Liability Insurance has gone up by only a very small amount.
- The Library has been reaching out to find sponsors for this year's Color Run. Three of the major sponsors so far are The Friends of Ransom Library, Majestic Financial, and The Allegan County Community Foundation.
- The Winter Concert Series saw around 750 people over 5 weeks.
- Gross attended Gilkey Elementary's assembly for the kickoff of their Reading Month.

Assistant's Report

- Dr. Seuss night had approximately 400 people (200 children) and was sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- Marsh attended events for Gilkey's Reading Month.
- Kindergarten Round will be held at The Library.
- Marsh will be a Mystery Reader at Starr Elementary.

Committee Reports

- Budget (Gelbaugh) - need to schedule a meeting to plan for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

- Building and Grounds (Dahlquist) - Maintenance is being done on the floor in the Reading Room; Ritsema Associates donated their labor.
- Endowment (Klade) - did not meet.
- Human Resources (Parsons) - Parsons will be attending an HR conference through his work and will make note of anything that might be pertinent to the Library.
- Policy (Harter) - need to make the room reservation policy more specific, i.e. no private parties.
- Public Relations (Burt) - did not meet.

Trustee Comments

- None

Comments from the Public

- Two residents from Plainwell are in attendance and are interested in how the Library Board operates.

Continued Business

- Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) Funds: after discussion by the Board, a Motion was made (Dahlquist/Harter) to invest Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) into the Library's Fund at the ACCF, contingent on receiving matching funds from the ACCF. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

New Business

- None

Next Meeting: April 21, 2026

Meeting was adjourned (Keeney/Harter) at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Burt
Board Trustee