Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees
October 21, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Asselmeier at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present

Asselmeier, Burt, Harter, Keeney, Parsons
Director Gross
Asst. Director Marsh
Public: None

Special Agenda Items

- None

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the September 15, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Ransom Library Board:
  A motion was made (Keeney/Harter) to approve the minutes as presented. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Financial Report

- At the end of 3 months, the Library has received 18.3% of its budgeted income for the fiscal year, and has spent 22.6% of its budgeted expenditures.

President's Report

- None

Director's Report

- On October 6th, the Library hosted its first Plainwell City Council Forum. About 50 people attended in person and the Facebook stream had almost 4,000 views.
- Another endowment CD has matured and been re-invested for four years.
- The Library has received two estimates for a full power generator. More research needs to be done as to our needs vs our budget.
- The Library will be partnering with the Plainwell Arts Council on the 2027 Art Hop, which is scheduled for April 23rd.
- The Library will be hosting A Night of Roses and Starlight on October 24th to celebrate the release of A Court of Splintered Harmony. This event is partially sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Assistant's Report

- Author Gary D. Schmidt visited the Library on October 19th to talk about his Newberry Award winning book, The Wednesday Wars. The Library gave away over 400 copies of the book to hand out. There were three events revolving around this book and author with an engagement of around 30 people.
- There will be a Haunted Hangout for teens on Friday, October 23rd.
- The annual Preschool Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 30th.

Committee Reports

- Budget (Gelbaugh) - did not meet.

- Building and Grounds (Dahlquist) - discussed generator estimates; bought fan for Friends of the Library sorting room.
- Endowment (Klade) - did not meet.
- Human Resources (Parsons) - did not meet.
- Policy (Harter) - did not meet.
- Public Relations (Burt) - the Union Enterprise published an article about the City Council Town Hall.

Trustee Comments

- None

Comments from the Public

- None

Continued Business

- None

New Business

- None

Next Meeting: November 17, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 (Keeney/Parsons).

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Burt
Board Trustee