

Minutes for the regular meeting of the Ransom District Library Board of Trustees

February 21, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Asselmeier at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Asselmeier, Dahlquist, Harter, Keeney, Parsons
Director Gross
Public: none

Special Agenda Items

- None

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Report

- At the end of seven months, we have received 88percent of our budgeted income, and we have spent 51percent of our budgeted expenditures.

President's Report

- None

Director's Report

- Memorial bench for Chris Haas has been delivered and is in the lobby.
- Ordered a new table for the Sandy Stamm History Room
- Concert series a big success
- Douglas Smith is leaving us and we will search for a new Media Lab Coordinator.

Assistant's Report

- None

Committee Reports

- Budget (Gelbaugh) - none
- Building and Grounds (Dahlquist) – Discussion on quality of shelving
- Endowment (Klade) - none.
- Human Resources (Parsons) - none
- Policy (Harter) - none
- Public Relations (Burt) - none

Trustee Comments

- None

Comments from the Public

- None

Continued Business

- None

New Business

- None

Next Meeting: March 21, 2023

Meeting was adjourned (Keeney/Parsons).

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Asselmeier
Board Trustee

**Board of Trustees Meeting
February 21, 2023**

Director's Report

Financial

- At the end of 7 months, we have received 88% of our budgeted income, and we have spent 51% of our budgeted expenditures.

Administrative

- The memorial bench for Chris Haas has been delivered to the Library and is now located in the lobby. The bench (created by Jim McIntosh) is made from a walnut tree that we had to cut down to make way for the new building. Plainwell Arts Council is splitting the bill with us, and will plan a dedication ceremony.
- We are working on some upgrades for the Sandy Stamm History Room, and have selected a permanent powered table from West Michigan Office Interiors. The table will sit up to ten people and provide ample space for the "Ransom Researchers" to conduct their work.
- The Ransom District Library concert series returned on February 19. A crowd of about 75 patrons enjoyed food from Barbed Wire Café and watched Wallis, Beebe, Moehle, and Orr inaugurate the Hill Performance Room. We were pleased with how the Hill Room functioned as a concert site. Many thanks again to the Friends of the Library for funding the concert series.
- The anticipated increases to Michigan's minimum wage and changes in PTO for part-time workers were not put into place, and there is no current plan for implementing those changes. I will propose in our new budget that we consider making those changes anyway.
- Our fabulous Media Lab Coordinator, Douglas Smith, is moving out of state, and we will be without his services as of March 10. Douglas has played an important role for our Library in helping to shape our Media Lab services. We'll miss him, and our search for a new leader in the Media Lab has begun.