

Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2023

The Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees meeting was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 4:30 PM in the conference room at the library.

Those present were John Blankenship, Elna Blankenship, Janeice Frisbee, Tony Carter, Leon McNeal, Emily Lovings. Jenny Gillihan, from the regional office, was present by zoom. Betty Langley, a foundation board member, was also present for the meeting.

Board Chairman, Elna Blankenship, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved. The motion to approve was made by Janeice Frisbee and seconded by Leon McNeal. All voted in favor of approval.

Next Betty Langley, from the Foundation Board, gave a report concerning the library's long held plans for expansion and improvement. After meeting with Doug Short, architect, it was decided that it would not be feasible to make the side entrance handicap accessible since the front entrance was already handicap accessible. Also the addition and expansion to the library, which was thought to be about \$500,000 has now gone up to a projected \$800,000-\$1 million so the foundation board is now looking at expanding to the second floor of the library. Further study will be done to see if this would be possible. Also, the Foundation Board suggested that the memorial/honorarium bricks be put in front of the library rather than in the back of the library. A motion was made, and approved for the placement of the sidewalk bricks. The motion was made by Janeice Frisbee and seconded by Tony Carter.

The treasurer's report was given by John Blankenship and the motion for approval was made by Emily Lovings and seconded by Janeice Frisbee. All voted in favor.

Next, the library director's report was given by John Blankenship. Some of the items discussed were: the success of the Christmas Extravaganza with approximately 150 people attending, the Lego contest winners at Discovery Park, the upcoming photography class with Pat Riley, which is scheduled for January 10, and the Humboldt Chamber's upcoming Morning Mingle to be held at the library Friday, February 17 at 8 AM. The interviews for the vacant library assistant position are ongoing. A staff training day closure was approved for March 22, 2023. (Emily Lovings made motion, Janeice Frisbee seconded) In reference to the WTSF sponsorship, approval was made for up to \$400 being spent for a half page ad (motion was made by Emily Lovings, seconded by Janeice Frisbee).

Next Jenny Gillihan gave her report from the regional library office. Standards targeted, and the standards survey results were discussed and a hand out was distributed showing these results. Humboldt Public Library was exemplary in these findings.

Finally, the Friends of the Library will be meeting next week. John made mention that this is Gibson County's 200th anniversary!

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 4:30 PM in the library.

The motion to adjourn was made by Janeice Frisbee and seconded by Tony Carter. All voted in favor.