

Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2022

Meeting was called to order by chairman, Elna Blankenship, on January 4, 2022.

Attending the Humboldt library board meeting were: Don Farmer, Beverly Youree, Elna Blankenship, Myra Barnett, Jenny Gillihan, John Blankenship, Emily Lovings, Leon McNeal, and Tony Carter. There were no guests present and there were no community comments. The minutes were approved by a motion by Don Farmer and seconded by Beverly Youree. Next was the treasurer's report. The city budget was discussed and we talked about what was appropriated and what was spent and also what was in the special accounts. It was decided that John would continue using the credit card from the mayor's office. Beverly Youree made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Emily Lovings.

The Director, John, gave his report next. We discussed recent activities and what a great job Ashley Niven is doing. On the administrative side, we talked about the ARPA grant approval and the outstanding attendance we have been having for the special kids' events. Jenny Gillihan gave the regional library report which included long-range planning orientations that were to be held and upcoming important dates. Myra Barnett was also given her certificate for completing the trustee training.

Friends/library foundation report: the friends are waiting for new library lobby furniture and some landscaping to be done. John reported that there were 15 bricks that remain to be sold.

There was no unfinished business. Next was new business and the library hours were once again discussed. The new hours will be 8:30 to 5:00, except on Tuesday when the library will be open until 7:00. On Saturdays, the hours will be 8:00 to 2:00. These hours were approved by motion made by Don Farmer and seconded by Emily Lovings. The return of hotspots continues to be an issue and we might have to consider modifying our policy. The ARPA grant for \$26,000 has been signed by the mayor and ordering will begin. There have been some issues with unattended children and that policy might have to be addressed and the ages updated. Tax forms have been ordered but there will be some delay due to the printing and mailing. (And Covid)

Motion was made by Don Farmer to adjourn and it was seconded by Myra Barnett. All voted to approve. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1, at 4:30.