

## **Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2022**

The Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees meeting was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 4:30 PM in the conference room at the library.

Those present were John Blankenship, Elna Blankenship, Kathryn McBride, Janeice Frisbee, Myra Barnett, Leon McNeal and Emily Lovings.

Board Chairman, Elna Blankenship, called the meeting to order.

Kathryn McBride from the regional library was introduced. There were no other guests present.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved. The motion was made by Janeice Frisbee and seconded by Myra Barnett. All voted in favor.

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 \$300 donation that was given to the Viking football broadcast, the library's new partnership with Woodmen of the World, which gave flags and landscaping, Humboldt Lego contest winners at Discovery Park in Union City, and the fact that Andrew is now full time.

Also the library staff is partnering with the city in helping with their tech support. Some problems that are current are the landscaping issues when the city mows the grass and also a possible sinkhole in back at the northwest corner of the building. These issues are being addressed.

Next, Kathryn McBride gave her report from the regional library. \$6000 in state and federal funds have been given to the Humboldt Library. John Blankenship said that these funds have been deferred to the children's department. A certificate was given to Director Blankenship for completing the core competencies. A trustee workshop is being held in Humboldt on Thursday, September 29 from 9:00-3:30. John stated that the maintenance of effort documents should be completed by Friday. In addition, the Safe at Home program information will be distributed in the Humboldt library. Next Kathryn went over the upcoming dates that could be of importance.

Next up, The Friends of the library have finished up the summer reading program and the library Foundation is concentrating on the brick by brick campaign and it was reported that the library will be a beneficiary of the Ted Murray Jones estate.

There was no unfinished business.

In new business, Phase 1, Southwest entrance remodel, was talked about. This will be completely paid for with library foundation funds and no city funds. The foundation has consulted with architect, Doug Short, and he has been instrumental in drawing up plans for the other phases of the library remodel.

Next was the library's new program, the Library of Things. It is not quite ready yet but will be up and running very soon. Users must have an active library card. John showed how the items would be showcased for check out. There will be a DVD case with a photo of the item on the front and the patron will come to the desk for check out.

The library staff is now having biweekly Wednesday meetings. John brought up the topic of active shooter training for the Library staff and the possibility of not needing the Wi-Fi on all night. More of a police presence is also desired.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 4:30 PM.

The motion to adjourn was made by Leon McNeal and seconded by Emily Lovings. All voted in favor.

Submitted by: Emily Lovings