

Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023

The Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 4:30PM. The call to order was made by Chairman Elna Blankenship. Those present were: John Blankenship, Myra Barnett, Emily Lovings, Janeice Frisbee, Frances Raines, Leon McNeal, and Jenny Gillihan.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved. Motion was made by Janeice with a second by Emily. Motion carried. John Blankenship gave the treasurer's report, explaining checks written. The motion to accept the report was made by Frances and seconded by Myra. Motion carried.

During the Library Director's report, John Blankenship went over some recent activities, highlighting children's activities that were enjoyed during the summer, as well as GED Prep classes and Morning Mingle for adults. He was pleased that the programs for the summer were well attended. He reported that the flower bed work was completed, that the DVD collection had been weeded, and reported on sponsorships. Myra made the motion to accept his report and it was seconded by Emily. Motion carried.

Jenny Gillihan from the regional library made the report next. She explained about image evaluations, lifted up the Trustee Workshop to be held September 14th at 9:00 at the West TN Ag Research Center, and upcoming dates to be remembered. Janeice made the motion to accept and it was seconded by Leon. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library did not meet so there was no report.

In other business, Janeice asked Jenny Gillihan if there was any money that could help with construction for a children's library. Grants were discussed. Leon thanked Janeice for her research and work.

Emily made a motion to amend the agenda. Janeice seconded the motion. Motion carried. John explained the need to put back the 48 hours as stated in Maintenance of Effort. The library hours will go back to 9:00 to 5:00, (open on Tuesday til 7pm and Saturday 8-2) with staff coming in at 8:00 on weekdays. Leon made the motion and Janeice seconded. Motion carried.

In new business, the Long Range Plan was read by John Blankenship and discussed. Janeice made the motion to accept and Emily seconded it. Motion carried.

In the way of budget, John explained that they continue to work with the budget from last year until there is a new budget approved by the city.

John explained the need to close the library for about two weeks while there was work being done on the floor of the children's library. Leon made the motion to close the library from October 19-October 30. Emily seconded the motion and motion carried.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 4:30PM. Emily made the motion to adjourn and Elna seconded it. Motion carried.

Submitted by Frances Raines