

**Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022 (Approved 07/05/2022)**

The Humboldt Public Library Trustee Board met on May 10, 2022, at 4:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by Elna Blankenship, chairman. Present for the meeting were Tony Carter, Beverly Youree, Don Farmer, Elna Blankenship, John Blankenship, Emily Lovings and Leon McNeal, although Leon had to leave early after it had been established that there was a quorum present even after his absence.

There were no guests present and no community comments. The minutes of the last board meeting were approved- motion was made by Don and seconded by Beverly. The treasurer's report was presented by John. The BancorpSouth account was approved. Motion was made by Leon and seconded by Tony. The city budget account was also approved- motion was made by Emily and seconded by Beverly.

John Blankenship gave the director's report. Some of the things that were discussed were the new HVAC system, the ARPA grant, and the genealogy workshop which was held at the library. Some of the youth activities were the Easter egg hunt and the Black History exhibit that was done at the library. There is a Memorial Day program coming up on May 30 at 10 o'clock at the Humboldt Public Library. John will be going on a PLMI trip in May and on June 1 the summer reading program will begin. Next was the Regional Library Report but there was not a representative from the office present.

The Library Foundation report said that a brick had been purchased in honor of Mary Carpenter from the regional office who is retiring. Betty Langley is the acting president of the Foundation at this point. The Friends report said that the flower beds were being redone and that money had been donated for the summer reading program from this group. There was no unfinished business.

Under new business was the budget for 2022-23. Andrew will become full-time and the salary indicated this decision. A replacement phone system is being budgeted for and also door replacement for the northwest corner of the library. The new hours of operation are working out well. Our Library of Things will begin in July. The APRA grant is 99% complete and Janeice Frisbee was nominated to become the new Foundation board member. Motion was made by Emily and seconded by Tony. Also landscaping and maintenance improvements are being done around the library. Much of this work is being done by city employees and new mulch will also be added. The library will be hosting a Chamber of Commerce Morning Mingle on June 17 at 8:00.

Our next meeting will be held on July 5 at 4:30. A motion to adjourn was made by Don and seconded by Emily. The motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by: Emily Lovings