

Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021- 4:30 pm

In attendance: John Blankenship, Emily Lovings, Leon McNeal, Myra Barnett, Beverly Youree, Don Farmer, Tony Carter

John Blankenship called the meeting to order (in absence of Chair Elna Blankenship). The old minutes were read and approved. Leon made the motion and Myra seconded. There was no old business. The new business was the hours of operation which will be 8:30 to 5:00 except on Tuesdays when the library will be open from 8:30 to 7 o'clock and on Saturdays when the library will be open from 8:30 to 2:30. (Don/Tony) We also discussed the problem of loitering in the library and the fact that we might have to revisit our policy concerning this. Also discussed was the problem in getting the hotspots returned. Another issue was email reimbursement for John. He's now using his own credit card but it was decided that the library now needs its own credit card and John is going to talk to Kim Hadley in the mayor's office. (Emily/Beverly) Next was the report from the regional office. Closing for in-service was approved (Leon/Myra) also funds and circulation reports. Next was the financial report. John went over the special accounts spreadsheet. (Myra/Tony) We discussed the city budget and went over the highlights of this. The big ticket items this year for our funds were toilet problems, technology, and problems with the heating and air. There was a bid received from Air MD. We also talked about doing some updates for the staff break room. Next was the Friends report. They hosted a recent open house and Myra also reported that only five or six bricks remain. John then gave the director's report and we looked over the attachment for that. He discussed recent activities that have been held in the library, such as the pumpkin walk and the 'tween broadcasting that has been going on. The administrative items were the fact that the number of library cards issued has been increasing and also an update about grant applications. Motion was made Leon to adjourn and seconded by Don and our next meeting is scheduled for January 4 at 4:30.

Approved: 01-04-2022