

Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting for November 14, 2023

The Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 4:30PM. The call to order was made by Chairman Elna Blankenship. Those present were: John Blankenship, Myra Barnett, Janeice Frisbee, Frances Raines, Leon McNeal, and Kathryn McBride.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved. Motion made by Janeice Frisbee. Motion carried.

John Blankenship gave the treasurer's report. Checks were written for candy bags given out at Halloween and windows painted for the season. John explained that Shanna Nelson will paint the windows for Christmas, also. The ending balance is \$143,464.80. Myra Barnett made the motion to approve the report. Motion carried.

John Blankenship gave the Library Director report. Report is attached. Myra Barnett made motion to accept the report.

Kathryn McBride gave the Regional Librarian report. She was proud that Maintenance of Effort is signed and completed. She highlighted upcoming dates. An orientation meeting will be held for new trustees before the next meeting. She also expressed the importance of certification and registered Leon McNeal and Frances Raines. This should be completed before June 30.

In new business, John Blankenship explained the No Smoking Policy. Myra Barnett moved to approve it. Motion carried.

John gave an update on the library floor. It was \$9300 to level the floor and fix cracks and gaps. City funds should take care of this. John is getting bids to do the floor. He has one bid of \$1200 but will get another quote.

John Blankenship reported on the generous donation from the Ted Murray Estate of \$246,575.33. These funds should remain unrestricted. John is working with Floyd Filipin with necessary papers when it is released.

Janeice Frisbee is working on information on getting a safe room when the new building is built. She is waiting on a return call from Douglass Worden to see if there could be federal funding.

Elna Blankenship complimented Magnolia Manor for always working with civic groups.

Leon McNeal reported on the city's working with the Smithsonian to get an exhibit at the Humboldt Gym. He gave much credit to Essie Mae Brooks, Donna Seymour, and Johnny Cyrus, all former educators, on their hard work.

The next meeting will be January 2, 2024 at 4:30.

Leon McNeal made the motion to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 5:30PM.

Submitted by Frances Raines