

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, January 8, 2025
Noon

Conference Room
Bloomington Public Library
205 E. Olive St., Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Eliazar Mendiola, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Trustees Present: Patsy Bowles, Gil Brockway (via Zoom), Jared Fuhler (via Zoom),
Deb Halperin, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Julie Meulemans,
Blake Mier, Van Miller, Robert Porter, Mary Ann Webb, Bill
Wetzel, Eliazar Mendiola

Trustees Absent: Catrina Parker

Others Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

II. Welcome New Board Members

Eliazar Mendiola, President, welcomed the new Board members, and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

III. Introduction of Public

There were no public present.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. July 10, 2024

Patsy Bowles moved, Bill Wetzel seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2024, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Patsy Bowles moved, Bill Wetzel seconded, to approve the financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Report from the Bloomington Public Library

Jeanne Hamilton, Director, updated the Board on events since last July. Staff moved into the completed building in June, and the Library had its official ribbon cutting and Grand Reopening celebration in August. Approximately 850 people attended the Grand Reopening which focused mainly on family activities, tours, and demonstrations in the Innovation Lab. Since reopening staff have been settling in and figuring out new programming and services.

VIII. New Business

A. Review and Accept 990 Form

Blake Mier moved, Van Miller seconded, to accept the 990 Forms.
The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve 2025 Meeting Dates

Van Miller moved, Patsy Bowles seconded, to approve the 2025 Meeting Dates as presented.
The motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve Donation for Development Day

Patsy Bowles moved, Blake Mier seconded, to approve a donation of \$1,161.13 for Development Day.
The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approve Donation for Appreciation Day

Mary Ann Webb moved, Van Miller seconded, to approve a donation of \$3,711.44 for Appreciation Day.
The motion carried unanimously.

E. Approve the Purchase of \$2,000 of Local History, History and Economics materials during FY26 using the Mischler Trust Funds

Patsy Bowles moved, Bill Wetzel seconded, to approve the Purchase of \$2,000 of Local history, History and Economics materials during FY 26 using the Mischler Trust Funds.
The motion carried unanimously.

F. Approve the Purchase of one-year subscription (FY26) to the Fold3 (a collection of detailed online military records for genealogical research) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds

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The motion carried unanimously.

- G. Approve the Purchase of one-year subscription (FY26) to the Weiss Financial Ratings Online (a collection of important financial literacy tools) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds

Patsy Bowles moved, Bill Wetzel seconded, to approve the Purchase of a one-year subscription (FY26) to the Weiss Financial Ratings Online (a collection of important financial literacy tools) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds.

The motion carried unanimously.

- H. Appoint Nominating Committee

Eliazar Mendiola appointed Patsy Bowles, Blake Mier, and Mary Ann Webb to the Nominating Committee.

- IX. Comments from Board Directors

Eliazar Mendiola thanked all the Board members for their service to the Foundation and shared his background in public service. He then stated that he is resigning from the Foundation Board effective immediately. Bill Wetzel shared his memories of taking the city bus to the Library in its previous location, and then he and his family using the Library in its current location. He stated that he was so pleased to be a part of the decision making that led to the Library's current iteration and "let's keep it going."

- X. Adjournment

Patsy Bowles moved, Van Miller seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Eliazar Mendiola, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.