

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Noon

Osborn Room
Bloomington Police Department
305 S. East St., Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Patsy Bowles, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Rich Beal, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller (arrived at 12:04 p.m.),
Bill Wetzel, Mary Ann Webb, Patsy Bowles

Trustees Absent: Wilma Bates, Matt Watchinski, Julian Westerhout, Eliazar
Mendiola

Others Present: Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins, Caprice Prochnow

II. Introduction of Public

There were no public present.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. January 11, 2023

Bill Wetzel moved, Dan Irvin seconded, to approve the minutes from the
January 11, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, shared that the \$300,000 donation that was
approved by the Board will be transferred to the Library's Capital Fund today.

Rich Beal moved, Mary Ann Webb seconded, to approve the financial
reports. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Report from the Bloomington Public Library

A. Library Expansion and Capital Campaign

Jeanne Hamilton, Director, shared that a lot is going on with the library expansion and earlier this week, they started excavation for the parking deck. Jeanne shared that prior to the library being built in 1976, the whole block had been houses. With the excavating, they have come across some brick foundations and a basement from those homes. Jeanne shared that the third floor was poured last week, second floor was poured on Monday, and today, they are pouring the first floor.

Jeanne stated that anyone interested in getting a tour of the construction area should let her know. Typically, the tours are given after 3:30 p.m., when the contractors have left.

VII. New Business

A. Approve Donation for Summer Reading Program

Patsy Bowles shared that the Foundation Board has given a donation for this for several years. Jeanne shared that the funds will go towards prizes, printing of the summer reading logs, and programs.

It was suggested that some acknowledgement of the Foundation Board's funding be visible at some of the programs. Jeanne shared that the Foundation Board is also always listed on the Summer Reading Logs.

Blake Mier moved, Rich Beal seconded, to approve donation of \$18,000 for Summer Reading Program. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve the Purchase of a one-year subscription for FY24 to Weiss Financial Ratings Online (a collection of important financial literacy tools) for up to \$2,800 using the Mischler Trust Funds

Jeanne stated that this resource provides ratings for stocks and bonds and very easy-to-use financial literacy tools.

Mary Ann Webb moved, Blake Mier seconded, to approve purchase of one-year subscription for FY24 to Weiss Financial Ratings Online for up to \$2,800 using Mischler Trust Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Comments from Board Directors

Blake Mier shared that Rhonda Massie, Marketing Manager and Jeanne presented to his rotary club yesterday morning and talked about the expansion project.

Patsy Bowles asked that the Trustees keep Eliazar Mendiola in their thoughts as he and his family are dealing with health issues.

IX. Adjournment

Van Miller moved, Rich Beal seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Patsy Bowles, Secretary, adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.