

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, July 10, 2024
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 12:04 pm.

Trustees Present: Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Dan Irvin, Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Trustees Absent: Blake Mier, Van Miller, Bill Wetzel

Others Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

II. Welcome New Board Members

Eliazar Mendiola, President, said Wilma Bates resigned from the Foundation Board. He then welcomed the three new members from the Bloomington Library Board: Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, and Catrina Parker. He 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. March 13, 2024

Dan Irvin moved, Matt Watchinski seconded, to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2024 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Patsy Bowles moved, Catrina Parker seconded, to approve the financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Report from the Bloomington Public Library

Jeanne Hamilton, Director, shared that the Library has been very busy, with an average of 100 people coming through the doors each hour the Library is open. Public reaction is very positive, and staff are being patient as they learn their new workflows. Summer Reading Program numbers right now are reaching pre-COVID levels. Jeanne shared that the Library will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 1 at 11:30am, and she will send an email invitation to board members. On August 3, the Library will have a grand reopening celebration with many family-friendly activities and demonstrations.

VIII. New Business

A. Approve Donation for Innovation Lab Sublimation Printer

Patsy Bowles moved, Mary Ann Webb seconded, to approve a donation of \$23,000 to the 2024 Summer Reading Program.
The motion carried unanimously.

B. Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Jeanne Hamilton, Director, led the group in the training.

IX. Comments from Board Directors

Patsy Bowles asked that the board keep diversity in mind as membership expands/changes. Eliazar Mendiola mentioned that he was surprised to hear that new board members were appointed without prior consultation. Jeanne Hamilton pointed out that according to the bylaws, members are appointed by the Bloomington Library Board, with at least three members required to be from that board. To her knowledge, the Foundation Board has not been consulted prior to previous appointments. She suggested that Catrina, Eliazar, and herself get together to discuss communications and expectations.

X. Adjournment

Catrina Parker moved, Dianne Hollister seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Eliazar Mendiola, President, adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.