

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
5:30 p.m.

In compliance with the COVID-19 executive orders, the Bloomington Public Library's meeting took place virtually, via ZOOM, as well as in the Community Room at the Bloomington Public Library.

Community Room
205 E. Olive Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Vice President Mohr called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

- II. Roll Call
Trustees Present via Zoom: John Argenziano, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Van Miller (arrived at 5:33 p.m.), Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Alicia Whitworth, Susan Mohr

Trustees Physically Present: None

Trustees Absent: Julian Westerhout

Others Present via Zoom: Kathy Jeakins

Others Physically Present: Jeanne Hamilton, Caprice Prochnow

- III. Introduction of Public
Jeanne Hamilton acknowledged that Ruth Novosad, President of the Golden Prairie Public Library District Board, was present via Zoom.

- IV. Public Comment
There were no public comments.

- V. Work Session with Architects Engberg Anderson
Jeanne shared that she and Caprice Prochnow met with the architects on Friday afternoon. At that meeting, it was decided not to have the Board work session this month. There is work being done on detailed vetting and cost estimating of the Design Drawings, which is very difficult in the volatile construction market. The prices have escalated dramatically and there is a high likelihood that tough decisions will need to be made. Caprice, the architects and Jeanne have made some progress with ideas of ways to reduce costs without compromising the overall project, but more time is needed to continue to work through those ideas to be able to provide a more detailed update and potential decisions for the Board. Hopefully, by August, the challenges will be solved, or concrete options and the costs associated, will be available for the Board.

VI. President's Report

President Westerhout was not in attendance and Vice President, Susan Mohr, had nothing to report.

VII. Director's Report

Jeanne Hamilton shared that she participated in 4 interviews and that there is a lot of moving around of staff due to the vacancies. She went on to say that they are pleased with the candidates that have been hired thus far.

She shared that included in Caprice's report that there was flood and roof damage from the 100-year rain that happened. She went on to say that staff are working through the damage and are really trying to limp along with the roof until expansion construction begins.

Jeanne shared that staff have been very happy with the insurance company in dealing with the storm damage, which Kathy Jeakins has been handling. Jeanne asked the Trustees, if they want to continue with LIRA insurance or consider getting a consultant and taking this out for bid again. Jeanne stated that the last time that this was done, was in 2017 and the consultant cost about \$1,300 at that time. She went on to say that if it is not done this year, it may be wise to avoid for a few years, due to ongoing construction. Jeanne shared the timeline for going through this process. There was some discussion on this, and the Trustees would like to see a proposal from LIRA to see where costs are at before they are able to give direction.

VIII. Fiscal Report Presentation

Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, reported that the budget should be at 16.7% into the fiscal year. She shared that Revenues are at 49%, which is normal at this point in the fiscal year.

Kathy stated that 4 Property Tax Distributions have been received, more will be received in September, and the final distribution in December. Kathy went on to say that Expenditures are a little under at 14%.

She entertained questions.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes of June 15, 2021 Regular BPL Board Meeting

B. Approve Bills List of June 2021

JOHN ARGENZIANO MOVED, CATRINA PARKER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Ayes: John Argenziano, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Van Miller, Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Alicia Whitworth, Susan Mohr

Nayes: None

Absent: Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

X. Discussion Items

A. Library Expansion and Fundraising

Jeanne Hamilton reminded the Board that the Fundraising 101 virtual training is on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. She shared that she is really excited about it as she and Rhonda Massie, Marketing Manager, have worked closely with the presenter, Amanda Standerfer, to tailor the presentation. Jeanne shared that at some point after the

presentation, she hopes to have a prospective donor brainstorming session with the Board. She went on to say that Rhonda has a list started with potential donors. Jeanne stated that the campaign booklet was finalized and has been sent to the printers.

XI. Comments from Trustees

Susan Mohr asked whether one book could count for multiple spots on the Adult Summer Reading log. Jeanne stated that yes, one book can count for multiple spots.

XII. Adjournment

VAN MILLER MOVED, DIANNE HOLLISTER SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Ayes: John Argenziano, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Van Miller, Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Alicia Whitworth, Susan Mohr

Nays: None

Absent: Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Mohr adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.