

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Noon

William C. Wetzel Reading Room
205 E. Olive Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

Agenda

I. Call to Order

President Mendiola called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Members Present: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Bill Wetzel, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Members Absent Julian Westerhout

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 12, 2022

Rich Beal moved, Bill Wetzel seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Blake Mier shared that as of last night, the Foundation accounts have lost about 8% year to date. To put it in to context, this year to date, the S & P is down 12%, the NASDAQ is down 18%, so comparatively speaking, our accounts are doing better than that. His recommendation is that we stay the course.

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

VI. Report from the Bloomington Public Library

A. Update on the Expansion and Capital Campaign

Jeanne Hamilton shared the timeline of the project, with what has been accomplished and what has yet to be accomplished. Along with this, she shared renderings of the expanded building along with what the phasing will look like. Jeanne shared a breakdown of the funding for the project, showing the remaining amount of the fundraising goal.

Jeanne stated that the public phase fundraising will be launched on March 22 and she encouraged the Trustees to make their pledge if they haven't already. The goal is to be able to announce all of the pledges received so far and have a good starting base to the public phase. Jeanne stated that for those looking to pledge still, she can get them a paper copy or a pledge card on the website. Along with this, there is a building project page that folks can be directed to, to learn more about the project or donate.

Jeanne shared that the mosaic and supplies ended up costing \$284 and the approval amount was \$350, so it will start with 66 pieces sponsored by the Foundation.

She entertained questions.

VII. New Business

A. Approve Donation for Summer Reading Program

Jeanne shared that last year, the Foundation donated \$18,000 to support Summer Reading and this is the amount being requested this year. With the construction, this time will be similar to how we were operating during covid. The programming will be a little bit lighter, but the focus will be more on prizes for all ages and supporting it with decorations in the building as well.

Blake Mier moved, Van Miller seconded, to approve a donation of \$18,000 for the Summer Reading Program. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve Donation for Capital Campaign Donation Box

Jeanne shared the fun aspect of the donation box for the mosaic pieces that will appeal to kids of all ages. She went on to say that when the mosaic is finished, this will be left out longer for donations. This can be used for other projects as well.

Rich Beal moved, Patsy Bowles seconded, to approve donation of \$575.00 for Capital Campaign Donation box. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Comments from Board Directors

Bill Wetzel thanked Jeanne, BPL Board and the library staff for all of their hard work to get to this point in the process of the expansion. He went on to say that he is very

proud to be a part of it.

President Mendiola shared that there was a great piece on NPR about libraries, and he plans to forward it to the group.

IX. Adjournment

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

President Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.