

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 18, 2022  
Noon

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Mendiola called the meeting to order at 12:04

Members Present: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Matt Watchinski, Bill Wetzels, Mary Ann Webb, Julian Westerhout, Eliazar Mendiola

Members Absent Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller

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. March 9, 2022

Bill Wetzels moved, Patsy Bowles seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Report

Rich Beal moved, Mary Ann Webb 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 shared that we are currently in pre-construction phase. A lot of utilities are going to be moved from the west side, where the expansion will take place. Jeanne shared that staff are preparing for the moving of half of the collection as half of the building will be closed at a time as we move through the phasing.

Jeanne shared that \$674,677 in donations has been received so far. She encouraged the Trustees to continue to work on contacts for donations. Jeanne stated that she is happy with the progress, but there are still conversations being had with donors. She entertained questions.

VII. New Business

A. Approve Tuition Payment for Stubblefield Trust

Jeanne shared that the two students have completed a few semesters now and these are their summer courses.

Patsy Bowles moved, Mary Ann Webb seconded, to approve tuition payment up to \$10,020 from Stubblefield Trust. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve the Purchase of a one-year subscription for FY23 to Weiss Financial Ratings Online (a collection of important financial literacy tools) for up to \$2,800 using the Mischler Trust Funds

Jeanne shared that in 2015, Irene Mischler left the library a Trust in memory of her brother, Charles H. Mischler, to be used for economics and history materials. Since 2019, this Trust has supported both a subscription to Fold3 and annual purchase of \$2,000 in local history materials. She went on to say that our eResources Librarian found this new resource that we have never had before and recommended the purchase of Weiss Financial Ratings Online.

She entertained questions. It was suggested that we do a press release and promote existing resources, especially with the construction in full swing.

Rich Beal moved, Mary Ann Webb seconded, to approve purchase of one-year subscription for FY23 to Weiss Financial Ratings Online (a collection of important financial literacy tools) for up to \$2,800 using the Mischler Trust Funds.

VIII. Comments from Board Directors

Julian Westerhout shared that he is happy to be here as his teaching schedule does not allow for a noon meeting. He went on to say that oftentimes there is an issue with achieving quorum and suggested that perhaps a different meeting time would work better for the working professionals. President Mendiola stated that the current meeting time works for the betterment of the group as some have children and a lot of traveling.

Wilma Bates stated that anyone trying to get a gift commitment, just know that it may take a long time.

IX. Adjournment

Patsy Bowles moved, Matt Watchinski seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

President Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.