

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Noon

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order

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

Members Absent: Dan Irvin, Wilma Bates, Julian Westerhout

Others Present: Jeanne Hamilton, Rhonda Massie

II. Introductions

There were no introductions made.

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. Communication

President Mendiola shared with the Board that Russel Francois resigned
from the Board.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. May 19, 2021

Bill Wetzel moved, Rich Beal seconded, to approve the minutes
from the May 19, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Director Hamilton reported that Fall tuition was approved by officers in
between meetings. Since that approval, one staff member received a
scholarship which will reduce the anticipated total.

Patsy Bowles moved, Mary Ann Webb seconded, to approve the
financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Report from the Bloomington Public Library

Director Hamilton reserved her report for the items under Old Business.

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion and Approval of Donation for Development Day 2021

Director Hamilton shared that the request includes funds for two speakers and for staff breakfast/lunch.

Rich Beal moved, Blake Mier seconded, to approve a donation for Development Day up to \$900.

B. Discussion and Approval of Donation for Appreciation Day 2021

Director Hamilton shared that the request includes funds for a staff/volunteer gift of a popcorn tin and for a staff/volunteer lunch.

Patsy Bowles moved, Matt Watchinski seconded, to approve a donation for Appreciation Day up to \$3,300.

IX. Old Business

A. Capital Campaign Update and Prospective Donor Brainstorming

Director Hamilton and Marketing Manager Rhonda Massie shared the Library Expansion funding proposal and capital campaign booklet with the Board. They also shared that several prospective donors have asked specifically about the Foundation's commitment to the expansion project. Campaign chairs Rich Beal and Mary Ann Webb encouraged all Board members to make individual contributions to the project. Van Miller encouraged Board members to pledge their commitment soon even if they aren't ready to commit to a specific amount yet. The Board discussed the need to have more discussion about a contribution from the Foundation.

Marketing Manager Rhonda Massie shared a list of prospective donors. The Foundation Board members spent time reviewing the list, adding names, and reporting the connections that they could make with people on the list.

B. Board Member Comments

Bill Wetzal shared that he recently donated treats for a story time and the pictures showed that the kids really enjoyed the experience.

X. Adjournment

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

President Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.