

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Noon

In compliance with the COVID-19 executive orders, the Bloomington Public Library's meeting took place both virtually, via ZOOM and in person.

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Mendiola called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Members Present via Zoom: Wilma Bates, Patsy Bowles (arrived at 12:06 p.m.), Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Members Physically Present: Rich Beal

Members Absent: Bill Wetzel, Julian Westerhout

Others Present via Zoom: Kathy Jeakins

Others Physically Present: Jeanne Hamilton, Caprice Prochnow

II. Introduction of Public

There were no public present.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. November 10, 2021

Mary Ann Webb moved, Dan Irvin seconded, to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2021 meeting.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Patsy Bowles, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Bill Wetzel, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Report

Blake Mier stated that it was exciting to see that the expansion donations are starting to show up.

Van Miller moved, Patsy Bowles seconded, to approve the financial reports.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Patsy Bowles, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Bill Wetzel, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Report from the Bloomington Public Library

Jeanne stated that there has been a lot of exciting movement over the last few months regarding the expansion. She went on to say that Council did approve the levy supporting the first year of the bond and a resolution to move forward with the bond. We we also have received a \$5.6M Grant from the State for the project. Jeanne stated that there have been donations coming in as Blake had pointed out. With the news of the Council's approval, she and Rhonda will be going strong to bringing in donors.

VII. New Business

A. Approve the Purchase of \$2,000 of Local History, History and Economics materials during FY23 using the Mischler Trust Funds

Rich Beal moved, Patsy Bowles seconded, to approve the purchase of \$2,000 of Local History, History and Economics materials during FY23 using the Mischler Trust Funds.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Patsy Bowles, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Bill Wetzel, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve the Purchase of one-year subscription (FY23) to Fold3 (a collection of detailed online military records for genealogy research) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds

Blake Mier moved, Wilma Bates seconded, to approve the purchase of one-year subscription (FY23) to Fold3 (a collection of detailed online military records for genealogy research) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Patsy Bowles, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Bill Wetzel, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve Donation for Capital Campaign Public Phase Materials

This agenda item included approval for donation from the Foundation Board for the expansion and approval for public phase materials.

President Mendiola prepared a resolution that stated that the Foundation Board pledges to contribute \$300,000 of the Bloomington Public Library's expansion. President Mendiola shared the resolution with the Trustees and there was much discussion on the resolution. It was decided that they would forego the resolution and instead, just simply approve a \$300,000 donation to the expansion project.

Rich Beal moved, Wilma Bates seconded, to approve the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board donating \$300,000 to the Bloomington Public Library's expansion of its facilities and will continue to work with library staff regarding this donation.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Patsy Bowles, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Bill Wetzel, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

Jeanne Hamilton shared that typically a capital campaign has two phases, one is a quiet phase (which we are in now) and a public phase. She went on to say that in the public phase, there is usually some kind of a catchy hook to get people to donate. Jeanne stated that there are two ideas that they are looking to get approval for today. The first item would be a Lego mosaic depicting the SW corner of the expanded library that will be featured here at the library and each brick would be sold for \$1. This would allow the public to see the library being built. The second item would generate less funds but generate more excitement about the project. This would be a custom Lego set that looks like the expanded library. Each set costs \$52 and would be sold for \$60.

There was discussion on the two proposed ideas, along with other ideas proposed by the Trustees.

After discussing both items, it was decided to just fund the purchase of the mosaic piece.

Patsy Bowles moved, Van Miller seconded, to approve covering the cost of \$350 for the mosaic set depicting the SW corner of the expanded building and some pieces to launch the public phase.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Patsy Bowles, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Bill Wetzel, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discuss Capital Campaign

Jeanne Hamilton encouraged the Trustees to continue to set up donor meetings as this is the time to do that.

IX. Comments from Board Directors

There were no comments from Board Directors.

X. Adjournment

Patsy Bowles moved, Rich Beal seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Patsy Bowles, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Bill Wetzel, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

President Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.