

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, January 11, 2023  
Noon

Osborn Room  
Bloomington Police Department  
305 S. East St., Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

- I. Call to Order  
Vice President Irvin called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
- II. Introduction of Public  
There were no public present.
- III. Public Comments  
There were no public comments.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - A. November 02, 2022  
Patsy Bowles moved, Blake Mier seconded, to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. Treasurer's Report
  - A. Approval of Financial Reports  
Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager reported that the financial reports are for the last three months, rather than the usual two months. She went on to say that donations are still coming in and that a bequest of almost \$250,000 was received from the estate of Nancy Seidler.  
There was some discussion about putting this towards the building expansion and recognizing the donation by naming a room or purchasing equipment for the Innovation Lab. This can be decided with an agenda item at a future meeting.  
Rich Beal moved, Patsy Bowles seconded, to approve the financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Report from the Bloomington Public Library
  - A. Library Expansion and Capital Campaign  
Jeanne Hamilton shared that the best view of the library construction is from this vantage point. She pointed out the block stairwells and elevator shaft that have

been constructed. Along with this, Jeanne shared that framing has been installed inside in various areas and you can see some rooms taking shape. Jeanne stated that anyone that would like to have a tour of the construction area should contact either her or Caprice.

Jeanne shared that a fundraising has reached a total of \$728,221 which includes pledges and money collected. She went on to say that donations have slowed down. Jeanne shared that State Farm did change their "matching" program, so this has been disappointing. There was some discussion on this.

## VII. New Business

- A. Approve the Purchase of \$2,000 of Local History, History and Economics materials during FY24 using the Mischler Trust Funds

Jeanne reviewed the history of the Mischler Trust and how the monies are to be utilized.

Bill Wetzel moved, Blake Mier seconded to approve purchase of \$2,000 of Local History, History and Economics materials during FY24 using the Mischler Trust Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approve the Purchase of one-year subscription (FY24) to the Fold3 (a collection of detailed online military records for genealogy research) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds

Patsy Bowles moved, Mary Ann Webb seconded, to approve the purchase of one-year subscription (FY24) to the Fold3 (a collection of detailed online military records for genealogy research) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approve Tuition Payment from Stubblefield Trust

Jeanne shared that the request for tuition payment has been revised to cover the entire (Spring, Summer, Fall) year. She reviewed the benefits of approving the yearly amount as opposed to each session. Jeanne shared that there are two students, one is continuing with the University of Alabama and the other is a new student. Both work in the Circulation/Outreach Department.

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

- D. Appoint Nominating Committee

Vice President Irvin asked that Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles and Bill Wetzel serve on the Nominating Committee as they had two years ago. They all graciously agreed to this.

Blake Mier moved, Mary Ann Webb seconded to approve appointed nominating committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Comments from Board Directors

Dan Irvin was very pleased and impressed with Circulation staff recently. He asked about a book that was located in the Outreach department and staff immediately went and retrieved the book for him without any hesitation.

IX. Adjournment

Patsy Bowles moved, Rich Beal seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Irvin adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.