

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Noon

In compliance with the COVID-19 executive orders, the Bloomington Public Library's meeting took place virtually, via ZOOM as well as in the William C. Wetzel Room at the Bloomington Public Library.

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Mendiola called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members Present via Zoom: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Russel Francois, Dan Irvin, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Bill Wetzel, Eliazar Mendiola

Members Absent: Blake Mier, Julian Westerhout

Others Present via Zoom: Kathy Jeakins

Other Present in Person: Jeanne Hamilton, Caprice Prochnow

II. Introductions

There were no introductions made.

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. Communication

President Mendiola shared that Bill Zimmerman went off the Board in March after 4 years of service. He went on to say that he thanked Bill for his years of service and shared his appreciation for his graciousness with his time and knowledge.

Bill Wetzel suggested sharing with the Pantagraph the history of summer reading for the community.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. March 10, 2021

Bill Wetzel moved, Rich Beal seconded, to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Russel Francois, Dan Irvin, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Bill Wetzel, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Blake Mier, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Russel Francois moved, Bill Wetzel seconded, to approve the financial report.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Russel Francois, Dan Irvin, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Bill Wetzel, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Blake Mier, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Report from the Bloomington Public Library

Jeanne Hamilton shared that the library's new website was launched today, and the focus was to make it as user friendly as possible. She shared her screen and showed some of the highlights of the website.

Jeanne stated that she wanted to share an update on the library expansion by sharing a PowerPoint that depicted both exterior and interior renderings, along with some 3D views.

She entertained questions.

VIII. Old Business

A. Approve Donation to Capital Campaign

President Mendiola shared with the Trustees that today, a vote will not be taken, instead, he asked for thoughts on the Foundation's role in this.

Jeanne shared that the total cost of the project is \$20,770,377 and shared her screen with the breakdown of expected funding sources. Which included the Capital

Fund and Fixed Asset Fund Balances totaling \$5,970.106, \$15,000,000 Bond, leaving \$2,000,000 to be raised through donations, grants and additional reserves. There was much discussion on the capital campaign process that Jeanne and Rhonda Massie are spearheading and the timeline. Mary Ann Webb, Rich Beal, and Wilma Bates offered their assistance with the capital campaign.

IX. New Business

A. Election of Officers

President Mendiola shared that the proposed Slate of Officers consists of the same Officers that are currently in place. Per the recently updated Foundation by-laws, the terms will be 2 years.

President: Eliazar Mendiola

V. President: Dan Irvin

Secretary: Patsy Bowles

Treasurer: Blake Mier

Rich Beal moved, Mary Ann Webb seconded, to approve the Slate of Officers.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Russel Francois, Dan Irvin, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Bill Wetzel, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Blake Mier, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve Tuition Payment from the Stubblefield Trust

Jeanne shared that this tuition is for the same student supported in the Spring and this will be for her second semester.

Rich Beal moved, Mary Ann Webb seconded to approve the tuition payment from the Stubblefield Trust.

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Russel Francois, Dan Irvin, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, Bill Wetzel, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Blake Mier, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

X. Adjournment

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

Ayes: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Russel  
Francois, Dan Irvin, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski,  
Mary Ann Webb, Bill Wetzel, Eliazar Mendiola

Nayes: None

Absent: Blake Mier, Julian Westerhout

The motion carried unanimously.

President Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.