

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, January 10, 2024
Noon

Conference Room
Bloomington Public Library
205 E. Olive St., Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Eliazar Mendiola, President, called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

Trustees Present: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Matt Watchinski, Eliazar Mendiola

Trustees Absent: Van Miller, Mary Ann Webb, Julian Westerhout, Bill Wetzel

Others Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

II. Introduction of Public

There were no public present.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. May 17, 2023

Rich Beal moved, Patsy Bowles seconded, to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Rich Beal moved, Dan Irvin seconded, to approve the financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Report from the Bloomington Public Library

Jeanne Hamilton, Director, indicated that the Library has been open in the new space since October and things are going well. On the other side of the temporary wall, it is almost unrecognizable. Currently, the construction team is working on electrical and HVAC connections, most of which will be hidden.

Jeanne indicated she received an email today from the City of Bloomington stating that the Foundation has reached a point where an audit is required due to its size. The City would pass that cost along to the Foundation. Staff will do more research about the threshold requiring an audit.

VII. Old Business

- A. Donation to the Bloomington Public Library Expansion and Renovation Project
Jeanne stated all expansion donors will be recognized on a donor wall, and she shared the general design plan for display. As a higher-level donor, the Foundation will also be recognized at one of the Community Rooms. Discussion followed about placing brochures about the Foundation in the Library.

VIII. New Business

- A. Approve the Purchase of \$2,000 of Local History, History and Economics materials during FY25 using the Mischler Trust Funds
Blake Mier moved, Wilma Bates seconded, to approve the purchase of \$2,000 of Local History, History and Economics materials during FY25 using the Mischler Trust Funds.
The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approve the Purchase of one-year subscription (FY25) to the Fold3 (a collection of detailed online military records for genealogical 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 (FY25) to the Fold3 (a collection of detailed online military records for genealogical research) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds.
The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approve the Purchase of one-year subscription (FY25) to the Weiss Financial Ratings Online (a collection of important financial literacy tools) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds
Blake Mier moved, Wilma Bates seconded, to approve the purchase of one-year subscription (FY25) to the Weiss Financial Ratings Online (a collection of important financial literacy tools) for up to \$3,000 using the Mischler Trust Funds.
The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approve Tuition Payment from Stubblefield Trust
Jeanne shared that there are two students pursuing their Masters in Library Science.
Patsy Bowles moved, Blake Mier seconded, to approve tuition payment from Stubblefield Trust.
The motion carried unanimously.

E. Approve Donation for Development Day

Rich Beal moved, Patsy Bowles seconded, to approve the donation for Development Day 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. Approve Donation for Appreciation Day

The Library gifted staff members with a mug and assorted hot cocoas from Bloomington Spice Works, which was extremely popular with the staff. The mugs were so well received that the Library sold the extras at the check-out desk. These sold out right away. The Library also provided staff with a coffee bar with Zeta Coffee and lunch from A to Z catering.

Rich Beal moved, Wilma Bates seconded, to approve the donation for Appreciation Day 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

G. Approve 2024 Meeting Dates

Jeanne Hamilton read an email from Board member Julian Westerhout asking the Board to consider moving the meeting time. Julian feels there would be more community members from different backgrounds and points in their working lives that would be able to serve. At least one working member who had to resign from the Foundation Board due to the midday meeting time, and he's discussed possible service with several people who cannot consider it due to the meeting time.

Blake Mier moved, Patsy Bowles seconded, to approve the 2024 Meeting Dates without changes.

The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Comments from Board Directors

Eliazar Mendiola mentioned that his brother Elias, who many of the Board members know, will be retiring from the Bloomington Police Department next week after 26 years of service.

X. Adjournment

Patsy Bowles moved, Wilma Bates seconded, to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carried unanimously.

Eliazar Mendiola, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:41 pm.