

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Noon

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Eliazar Mendiola, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Trustees Present: Rich Beal, Patsy Bowles (arrived at 12:02 pm), Dan Irvin, Van Miller (arrived at 12:05 pm), Matt Watchinski, Bill Wetzel, Mary Ann Webb, Eliazar Mendiola

Trustees Absent: Wilma Bates, Blake Mier, Julian Westerhout

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. March 8, 2023

Bill Wetzel moved, Rich Beal seconded, to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, highlighted the \$300,000 donation the Foundation made towards the library expansion, as well as the community donations. The auditors have already started the FY23 audit.

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, shared that the library is preparing for the Summer Reading Program. Staff are visiting District 87 and Unit 5 schools, and reading logs are sent home with all elementary students.

Jeanne indicated that the expansion project is moving along nicely and is on target to move to Phase 2 in mid-summer, at which point staff will move to the west side of the building and renovation will begin on the east side. A question was raised regarding the patio, and Jeanne shared that most of the patio is still there, and the bricks have been saved and will be used to build the patio back up.

VII. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Rich Beal, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that the proposed Slate of Officers consists of the same Officers that are currently in place. Per the 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, Bill Wetzel seconded, to approve the Slate of Officers.
The motion carried unanimously.

B. National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code

Jeanne shared that State Farm changed their matching donor program recently and the Foundation is not currently appearing as an approved entity for the revised program. Jeanne has researched the approved list, and she believes they are using the NTEE Codes to show who is eligible for matching funds. The Foundation's current code (T99) is kind of a catch-all category, so changing it would be more accurate.

Mary Ann Webb moved, Bill Wetzel seconded, to authorize Library Director, Jeanne Hamilton, to send a written request to change its NTEE code to B11: Educational Institutions – Single Organization Support. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Comments from Board Directors

Rich asked if any of the collection will need to be packed up in the move to the west side of the building. Jeanne estimates that we should have a comparable amount of shelving to what we have now, so we shouldn't have to box up too much, if any.

Eliazar inquired about any unforeseen costs that have arisen during the renovation/expansion project. Jeanne indicated that we are still within budget. We received more than expected from the State grant, so that has helped to cover any extra costs.

IX. Adjournment

Patsy Bowles moved, Matt Watchinski seconded, to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carried unanimously.

Eliazar Mendiola, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.