

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, March 13, 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 12:05 pm.

Trustees Present: Wilma Bates, Rich Beal, Dan Irvin, Blake Mier, Bill Wetzel, Eliazar Mendiola

Trustees Absent: Patsy Bowles, Van Miller, Matt Watchinski, Mary Ann Webb, 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. January 10, 2024

Wilma Bates moved, Rich Beal seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2024 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Financial Reports

Dan Irvin moved, Wilma Bates seconded, to approve the financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Report from the Bloomington Public Library

Jeanne Hamilton, Director, indicated construction is moving right along, and the temporary wall has been taken down on the second floor. Furniture will be delivered shortly. The first floor has more walls and components during this phase, so it is

taking a little longer than the upper floor. The general message right now is that the Library will be fully open in time for the Summer Reading Program. The plan is to treat summer as a soft opening with a big celebration in August.

VII. New Business

A. Approve Donation for Summer Reading Program

Blake Mier moved, Bill Wetzel seconded, to approve a donation of \$23,000 to the 2024 Summer Reading Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve Donation for Art Display Rail Accessories

Rich Beal moved, Blake Mier seconded, to approve a donation of \$2,444.58 from the Myer's Trust Fund for the Art Display Wall.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve Donation for Innovation Lab and Recording Studio Equipment

Dan Irvin moved, Wilma Bates seconded, to approve a \$19,500 donation to equip the Innovation Lab and Recording Studios.

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Comments from Board Directors

Bill Wetzel commented that he's fortunate enough to have children who have enjoyed the Library growing up. Two of his children recently visited the Library again, and they were blown away by the improvements. There was general discussion about publicizing all the positive things that have come from donations to the Foundation to encourage people to consider future donations. Eliazar Mendiola asked if the Library has any equipment available for the public to check out. Jeanne Hamilton indicated that there is a selection: the most popular right now are the WiFi Hotspots. The Library also has a selection of STEAM kits available in our Children's Department.

IX. Adjournment

Blake Mier moved, Wilma Bates seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Eliazar Mendiola, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:42 pm.