



MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024, 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:31 PM, August 20, 2024.

President Catrina Parker called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Georgene Chissell	Trustee	Present
Craig McCormick	Trustee	Present
Dianne Hollister	Trustee	Present
Alicia Henry	Trustee	Present
John Argenziano	Trustee	Present (remote)
Catrina Parker	President	Present
Sharon Zeck	Trustee	Absent
Alicia Whitworth	Trustee	Absent
Matthew Watchinski	Vice President	Absent

Staff Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

Introduction of Public

Trevor Smith from Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency attended remotely.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Special Presentation from the Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency (LIRA)

Trevor Smith, Assistant Program Director for LIRA (Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency), provided a presentation about the LIRA insurance program for Board members.

Reports

The following item was presented:

Item 6.A. President's Report

President Parker stated that the grand opening event was really great. Many people she knows attended and one got her first library card from Bloomington.

The following item was presented:

Item 6.B. Director's Report

Director Hamilton shared the excitement of the ribbon cutting and grand opening events. The door counts indicated about 250 people attended the ribbon cutting and about 850 people participated in the grand opening activities. Summer Reading Program final numbers are in, and the Library had 5330 people finish the program, which is a 16.9% increase over the previous high year in 2016. The last day of the Summer Reading Program was also the highest traffic day for the Library, with 1722 people coming through the doors that day. The Library has 150 programs planned between September and November.

She also shared that the information on the solar panel energy production has been added to the Library's website.

The following item was presented:

Item 6.C. Fiscal Report

Kathy Jeakins stated that the reports are in the packet and entertained questions.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Item 7.A. Approve Minutes of 7/16/24: Regular Bloomington Public Library Board meeting

Item 7.B. Bills in the Amount of \$510,598.13.

Trustee Hollister made a motion, seconded by Board Member Chissell, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

Approval Items

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Approve Library Board Meetings Dates for the Next Calendar Year

Trustee Hollister made a motion, seconded by Trustee Henry, to approve the item as presented

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 8.B. Approve the Purchase of Two (2) ScanPro 3500 Microfilm Scanners

Director Hamilton shared that these two machines will replace the existing machines that are no longer receiving software updates.

Board Member Chissell made a motion, seconded by Board Member McCormick, to approve the item as presented.

AYES: Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Henry; Trustee Hollister; Trustee Parker; Trustee McCormick; Trustee Chissell

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 8.C. Approve the Annual Envisionware Service Contract Renewal

Board Member Chissell made a motion, seconded by Trustee Henry, to approve the item as presented.

AYES: Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Henry; Trustee Hollister; Trustee Parker; Trustee McCormick; Trustee Chissell

Motion carried.

Discussion Items

The following item was presented:

Item 9.A. Discuss Insurance Renewal for 2025

Discussion regarding how to proceed with regard to insurance resulted in the consensus to stay with LIRA.

The following item was presented:

Item 9.B. Discuss Upcoming Foundation Board Bylaw Review

Director Hamilton remarked that it's time to review the Foundation Board's bylaws. She indicated that the Bloomington Public Library Board is responsible for revising and approving these bylaws. To help in this review, it was the consensus of the board that Director Hamilton should ask that the Foundation Board produce a document on what they feel the Foundation's guiding principals should be and what they think is the purpose of the Foundation on behalf of the BPL Board.

Comments by Trustees

Trustee Hollister shared that a retirees forum will be established at the Illinois Library Association. She also shared a suggestion from another library colleague about how to handle holds for very popular books. President Parker remarked how excited she was to purchase one of the first Lego kits, and she would love to see other Lego kits for Bloomington buildings. Director Hamilton stated that the Library is ordering more pieces to have more kits available in time for the holidays. Trustee Chissell mentioned an event from a group called Lift the Ban who will be holding a meeting in Bloomington on September 7 at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church to share information regarding rising rent costs.

Adjournment

Trustee Henry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Argenziano, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 PM.