Bloomington Public Library
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MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024, 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:35 PM, December 17, 2024. President Catrina Parker called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Ashlee Sang	Trustee	Present
Sharon Zeck	Trustee	Present
Alicia Henry	Trustee	Present
Dianne Hollister	Trustee	Present
John Argenziano	Trustee	Present
Catrina Parker	President	Present
Georgene Chissell	Trustee	Absent
Craig McCormick	Trustee	Absent

Staff Present: Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

Introduction of Public
There were no members of the public present.

Public Comment
There were no public comments.

Reports

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. President's Report
President Parker introduced new Board member, Ashlee Sang, and asked anyone wanting to act as mentor to let her know.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Director's Report
Director Hamilton shared that the Bloomington Public Library was selected as a finalist for the Chamber Business Excellence Non-Profit Award. Any Trustees interested in attending the annual gala on February 8 where the winner is announced should let the Director know. The Director also circulated a copy of Library Journal magazine's architectural issue, which features pictures of Bloomington's renovation project.

Director Hamilton mentioned that a group of library retirees had reached out to her wanting to celebrate former long-time staff member Phyllis Wallace's 95th birthday. Phyllis had worked at the Bloomington Public Library for 55 years, and the group worked with the library to donate a plaque to display by one of the Children's programming rooms and hold a celebration at the library.

Marcie Shaffer has started as the Adult Services Manager. Director Hamilton is hoping to post the open Assistant Director position this week, before the holidays. The library has purchased a live translation mobile device to assist in staff communications with the public. A virtual library tour has been added to our website, and many parts of it are interactive. The company that produced the tour also did a drone video of the exterior.

Lastly, Director Hamilton stated she has a meeting with Rivian on Thursday to discuss a potential vehicle donation to the library.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Fiscal Report
Kathy Jeakins indicated that the report is 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 6.A. Approve Minutes of 11/19/24: Regular Bloomington Public Library Board meeting

Item 6.B. Bills in the Amount of $595,275.18

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

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

Approval Items

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Approve Appointments to the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board
The Library Board reviewed the three potential Bloomington Public Library Foundation members that were submitted for consideration. Director Hamilton shared that Eliazar Mendiola, President of the Foundation Board, emailed her and asked the Library Board to withdraw the potential Bloomington Public Library Foundation member that he submitted from consideration. There was some discussion about whether the Library Board should accept a request to withdraw a candidate from consideration from someone other than the candidate, when the candidate took the time to submit a biography.

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sang, to approve appointments of the three applicants pending confirmation to the Bloomington Public Library Board President that they accept the appointment.

Motion failed (viva voce, 2-4).

Trustee Henry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hollister, to appoint Gil Brockway to the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board pending acceptance of the appointment.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

Trustee Argenziano made a motion, seconded by Trustee Zeck, to appoint Julie Meulemans to the Bloomington Public Library Foundation Board pending acceptance of the appointment.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Approve Term Assignments for the Bloomington Foundation Board Members to Align with the Foundation Board Bylaws

This item was tabled.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.C. Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Approve the 2025 Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal

It was noted that the Library Board had a presentation from LIRA earlier in 2024.

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sang, to approve the item as presented

AYES: Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Henry; Trustee Hollister; Trustee Sang; Trustee Zeck; Trustee Parker

Motion carried (6-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 7.D. Review and Approve Revision of Library Policies

Director Hamilton briefly reviewed the proposed revisions of the library policies, most of which are a reflection of the things that staff have learned as the community is using the new spaces.

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sang, to approve the item as presented

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

Trustee Sang left the meeting.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Comments by Trustees

Trustee Hollister wanted to give a tip of the hat to Circulation staff Meredith who was so helpful and cheerful in a recent interaction. Trustee Hollister stated she is happy the Library is having a virtual screening of the Little Women musical, and she's already made her reservation.

Adjournment

> **Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hollister, to adjourn the meeting.**
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> **Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).**

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:09 PM