

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Bloomingdale Free Public Library
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
December 9, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Ed Simoni at 7:15pm. He announced that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. In attendance were Trustees Robert Bloodgood, Jennifer Ellis, Elizabeth Ford, Karen Kirby, Thomas Kroncke, Ed Simoni, Debbie Sondermeyer, and Patrick Thornton. Also in attendance was Alexandra DeCesare (Library Director), and Evelyn Schubert (Council Liaison). Kelly Graziano was excused.

Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jennifer Ellis, seconded by Karen Kirby. All trustees were in favor.

Public Comment – A motion to open Public Comment was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer. With no member of the public coming forth a motion to close was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer. All trustees were in favor.

Treasurer's Report / State Aid Report – The reports for November were presented by Karen Kirby. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Liz Ford. In a voice call vote all trustees were in favor.

Purchase Order Report -

The report for November was presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Karen Kirby. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

Collection Statistics Report / Budget Report - The reports for November were presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Liz Ford. In a voice call vote all trustees were in favor.

Library Director's Report, Children's Program Report, Adult Program Report, Literacy Program Report – The reports were presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Liz Ford. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

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Committee Reports:

Budget Committee – No Report

Policies and Procedures Committee – No Report

Public Relations Committee – No Report

Grants and Funding Committee – No Report

Board of Education Committee – No Report

Literacy Foundation – No Report

Unfinished Business and General Orders – P-Card – Not appropriate for the Library

New Business – Nominations for Executive Board – A motion was made by Thomas Kroncke and seconded by Jennifer Ellis to nominate Liz Ford – President, Robert Bloodgood – Vice President, Karen Kirby – Treasurer, and Thomas Kroncke – Secretary. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

2. A motion to approve a resolution to carry over dedicated funds of \$50,000 to 2025 was made by Robert Bloodgood and seconded by Thomas Kroncke. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor. Debbie Sondermeyer had stepped out of the meeting.

3. Ed Simoni reported that for 2025 perhaps the Library could investigate purchasing new furniture.

4. A motion was made by Thomas Kroncke and seconded by Patrick Thornton to support a Christmas Party (at the Senior Center) for the staff not to exceed \$550 from the operating budget. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

Public Session – A motion to open Public Session was made at 8:15pm by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer.

Evelyn Schubert read a resolution concerning the 2026 celebration of the founding on the USA.

With no other member of the public coming forward, a motion was made to close Public Session was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30pm by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Thomas Kroncke. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Submitted by Thomas Kroncke

