



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
REGULAR MEETING
February 24, 2025**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumble at 7:30 p.m.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Melissa Mark, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, Jennifer Wheeler, and Student Representative Marina Awad.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Rebekah Craft, Director; Jaclyn Miller, Associate Director; Robert Stratton, Office Administrator.

Friends of the Library liaison present: Ryndee Carney.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: Two (one in person, one via zoom).

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance following establishment of quorum.

Wheeler read aloud the Library's Mission Statement.

1. General Public Comment Period: Anne Honhart distributed literature about the McCormick Place in Chicago, which has reduced bird collisions by 95% since installing bird-safe film.
2. Consent Agenda:
 - Motion to approve the consent agenda.**
 - A. Approval of January 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**
 - B. Approval of January 2025 vendor payments in the amount of \$80,717.77, including payments in excess of \$75,000.**
 - C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$336,546.91**
 - 1st** Friedman
 - 2nd** Mark
 - A roll call vote was taken.
 - Yeas: Friedman, Mark, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.
 - Nays: None.
 - Absent and excused: None.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumble welcomed Marina Awad. Awad is a junior at Cranbrook, a frequent Baldwin user, and wanted to have a voice in library affairs. Rumble provided special thank Craft, Miller, and staff for organizing the Snow Crash Nebula techno event.

Board comments: Pisano and Friedman echoed the appreciation for the Snow Crash Nebula event.

Staff Anniversaries: Mark recognized the following staff anniversaries: Sophia Dabrowski (3 years of service), Julia Eisenstein (1 years), Carlton Elam (5 years), Joel Felsenfeld (1 year), Theresa Hart (29 years), Syntha (9 years), and Angela Shinozaki (8 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Miller reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 84-85 of the February Board packet.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Pisano reported that the Finance Committee met on February 10. Present were Pisano, Rumble, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 16 of the February Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Building Committee:

Friedman reported that the Building Committee met on February 10. Present were Friedman, Pisano, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on pages 19 of the February Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Regarding Friedman's suggestion to consider nighttime lighting to highlight Youth Room artwork, Rock asked if new nighttime lighting would affect bird safety. Craft responded that lighting does affect bird safety and stated that interior lights are on within hours of operation, and at night when cleaners operate.

Outreach Committee:

Mark reported that the Outreach Committee met on January 21. Present were Friedman, Mark, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 21 of the February Board packet. The Outreach Committee will meet next on March 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Policy Committee:

Rumble reported that the Policy Committee met on February 4. Present were Mark, Wheeler, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 22 of the February Board packet. The Policy Committee recommends the Board approve the following reviewed policies:

Motion to adopt proposed changes to the Naming Rights Policy, Gift and Donation Policy, Code of Conduct, Privacy Policy, Hours of Service Policy, Library Displays Policy, Group Study Rooms Policy, Public Comment Policy, Unattended Children Policy, Bylaws of the Library Board, Meeting Room Policy, and Social Media Policy, as found on pages 24 to 50 of the February 2025 Board packet.

1st Wheeler

2nd Mark

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Mark, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee will take place in August 2025.

Books & Bites Committee:

Friedman reported the Books & Bites Committee held its first meeting on February 4 and reviewed the minutes from this meeting, found on pages 51-53 of the February Board packet.

Mark commented that the profit goal of \$50,000 was much higher than was received at previous Books & Bites fundraisers. Friedman stated that all event details, other than the date of Friday, October 10, 2025 are still up for discussion.

5. Library Report:

Craft and Miller presented highlights from the Library Report. Full details of the complete report are on pages 55-66 of the February Board packet.

Rock commented that the costs of Snow Crash Nebula exceeded the revenue by \$1,761 due to the low turnout.

6. Liaisons

Friends: Ryndee Carney reported that membership revenues are up 15% year-over-year, while memberships are fewer. Book sale revenue increased 35% year-over-year, largely due to the Friends' Bookshop. The Spring book sale is scheduled for April 26-27, and the Fall book sale is scheduled for November 15-16.

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

7. New & Miscellaneous Business:

Craft and Miller reviewed highlights from the overview of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Accomplishments found on pages 70-82 of the February Board packet.

No new contract was received for "Administrative Services" from the City of Birmingham since last meeting.

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

10. Information Only: See pages 83-142 of the February Board packet.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Rock

2nd Mark

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Mark, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. The next special meeting of the library board is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Jennifer Wheeler, Secretary

Date