

## **City of Milton-Freewater**

### **Library Board Meeting Minutes**

The Library Board of the City of Milton-Freewater met Thursday, February 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Monahan Room of the Library, 8 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

The following members were present: Tricia Perez, Laurel Estes, and Margo Piver

Absent were: Randy Reese & Jennifer LeBlanc

Staff members present were: Library Director Lili Schmidt

Citizens present were: None

No press members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: We did not address Approval of Minutes from 11.21.2024

### **UPDATES:**

New Board Member, Margo Piver was introduced to the present board members. Library Director Schmidt gave brief information on how the Library is funded through the UCSLD and that led into the agenda item about how the renewal of the UCSLD Contract was adopted by City Council on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Schmidt went over the taxing district, the formula, how the rest of the library support comes from the City of Milton-Freewater General Fund.

Schmidt provided updates about the attendance at the Christmas party (539), Valentine's party (100), and a request for volunteers for Dia De Los Ninos on Wed. April 30<sup>th</sup>. Schmidt told the board that the Summer Reading Theme this year is "Lever Up with STEM: Science & Games" and that the following program has been booked for Tues, July 15 at 4:00 at a cost of \$313 to the Library.

*Museum of Natural & Cultural History from University of Oregon*

#### **POWER PLAY FOR THE PLANET**

Saving planet Earth together can be loads of fun! Join us to play games, solve puzzles, and tackle wacky challenges. The whole family will enjoy exploring the environment, designing solutions, and imagining a brighter future. Let's do this!

**Power Play for the Planet** aligns with the national iREAD summer reading program theme for 2025 – Level Up at Your Library – which highlights the importance of play in learning and in life.

The *Power Play for the Planet* program is targeted for a family audience with elementary age children and is presented by a museum educator. The program includes a short and lively presentation (20-25 minutes) followed by activity tables offering a variety of fun, hands-on activities.

Following program updates, Schmidt presented the City approved Youth Application for “Junior Library board” members. Board Member Piver suggested we table that until September, when we can submit it to the high school for incoming Juniors & Seniors. Board Members Estes and Perez agreed.

Director Schmidt told the board about recent donations:

\$2474 from Valley Giving Guide in December

\$1500 Friends of the Library to purchase books to give away. 706 books were purchased with the funds.

\$500 Blue Mountain Community Foundation with Rick Rambo donated the funds during a City Council Meeting in January. Those funds were spent at GoodWill to purchase approx. 200 books for Children. Also to give away (mostly to the Young Adults during Summer Reading). Perez mentioned that Senior 20% Discount day at Goodwill is every Monday and she and Piver both volunteered to come with Schmidt for the next purchase.

Following this was a lengthy discussion of the upcoming Budget plan for Fiscal Year 25-26. Board members (present AND absent) were given a spreadsheet with Schmidt’s budget requests due to the City on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Schmidt gave a brief explanation of revenue items, projected costs of staff salary and benefits (and likely increases in costs) and then to what the library actually uses the money for such as operating supplies, library books, adult & children’s programming, communication costs, building repair and maintenance, summer reading, furniture & technology, etc. Board said the budget looked moderate and in line with their expectations.

#### **Action ITEMS:**

None at this time

#### **Recommendations:**

Next meetings will be April 24 and June 26.

#### **Board ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

There being no further action or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes by Lili Schmidt 2.14.2025

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Board Members

## **NEW LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS**

## **DONATIONS**

\$2218 Valley Giving Guide

\$1500 Friends of the Library to purchase books to give away \$1495.62 and purchased 706 books!

\$500 Blue Mountain Community Foundation & Rick Rambo City Council

UCSLD Contract

**Youth Representative:** application, what do you want to be our criteria? Age?