

## **City of Milton-Freewater**

### **Library Board Meeting Minutes**

The Library Board of the City of Milton-Freewater met Thursday, April 24 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: Jennifer LeBlanc, Laurel Estes, Randy Reese, and Margo Piver

Absent were: Tricia Perez

Staff members present were: Library Director Lili Schmidt

Citizens present were: None

No press members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes from Feb. 13, 2025 were approved.

### **UPDATES:**

New Board Members were introduced to each other

Schmidt provided updates:

\$4015 in donations for Summer Reading

\$700 from the Bill Albee Memorial Fund

Board members were shown the draft copies of Children's, Teen and Adult Summer Reading materials. Summer Reading sign-ups begin June 10<sup>th</sup> and the program will run until Aug. 16.

Schmidt requested volunteers for the Dia De Los Ninos Party April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Schmidt sent an email earlier in the week to the Board about the IMLS funding concerns. The federal program of Institute of Museum and Library Services sends money to State Libraries to pay for certain programs and offer grants to the libraries in their state. Oregon State Library funds our Sage Courier system in Eastern Oregon. The Courier shuttles books to 77 public, college and school libraries; Milton-Freewater alone sends and receives 7,000 items. This would be a HUGELY impactful issue if Sage can't get the funding. While librarians are resourceful, and the UCSLD has already secured indefinite funding for intra-county interlibrary loans, people at the State Library and within the Sage consortium are looking for alternative ways to pay for the courier system if IMLS funding stays cut off. Schmidt will keep the board informed of changes.

Board members were given a copy of the tentative FY25-26 Budget for the Library. The Budget committee and City Council meet April 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss City budget. LeBlanc asked if any support by the Board was needed for the meeting. Schmidt said because of the significant funding through the UCSLD, our budget is doing well, is healthy, and all items are as requested except for the Contingency Fund.

Board Members were given a copy of the Library Strategic Plan from 2019. Schmidt has a goal to update the SP in the next FY and has asked board members to read the current (expired) plan and come up with suggestions, thoughts and concerns for the next meeting.

**Action ITEMS:**

None at this time

**Recommendations:**

Next meetings will be June 26.

**Board ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

There being no further action or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Minutes completed by Lili Schmidt 4.25.2025

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Board Members