

## **City of Milton-Freewater**

### **Library Board Meeting Minutes 3.26.2026**

The Library Board of the City of Milton-Freewater met Thursday, March 26 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, and Randy Reese

Absent were: Tricia Perez

Staff members present were: Library Director Lili Schmidt

Citizens present were: Margo Piver

No press members were present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from 1.22.2026 meeting were approved with a motion from Laurel Estes and all were in favor. Motion passed.

#### **UPDATES:**

Library Director Schmidt provided updates:

Meeting for City Council approval of the new library mission statement and updated Strategic Plan will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Albee Room. Schmidt requested Board member attendance if possible. Board members were given a copy of the Fact Sheet that will be presented to Council and they have already seen the final library mission statement and strategic plan.

Schmidt has been in contact with a representative from Kanopy by Overdrive. This is an app the library can pay for a yearly subscription to that will provide over 32,000 documentaries, movies, educational programs and other miscellaneous television shows to patrons. Each patron is issued monthly tickets and they can use these tickets to gain access to programs for 3-7 days. Board discussed different pricing options presented to Schmidt and agreed that a plan with a flat fee of \$1500 per year would be the best way to avoid unknown fees and subscription costs. This fee will cover use by all 2,371 registered borrowers and allow each borrower to have 25 tickets per month. This subscription also gives patrons full access to Kanopy Kids that has an additional 2000+ program titles for children ages 4-12. Board member LeBlanc has used Kanopy in the past and said she loved it because that it offered a lot of education programs that she enjoyed. She thinks it would be a great program for MF Library to offer. Board Members Estes & Reese also thought it sounded like a reasonable cost for type of access Kanopy would provide to our library patrons.

Schmidt gave board members a copy of the City Code regarding Boards and Commissions, specifically pertaining to the Library Board. Library Board needed to appoint a Chairperson and Vice Chair Person. Board Member LeBlanc nominated Randy Reese as Chairperson and Estes agreed. LeBlanc then said Laurel Estes should be the Vice Chair and Reese agreed. Randy Reese is the Library Board Chairperson and Laurel Estes is the Library Board Vice Chair.

LeBlanc brought up that according to the City Code, the Library Board should have five members but currently only have three. It was discussed that the fourth appointed Library Board member Tricia Perez has not been to a meeting since April 2025 and has not responded to emails regarding the Board meetings since June 2025. Schmidt emailed Perez on January 23, 2026 after the last meeting and inquired if Perez was still interested in being on the library board; she did not respond. The board agreed to consider Perez's board seat to be vacant. Schmidt said she would create a poster with information about the library board and try to recruit new board members via posters in the library and Facebook.

Schmidt had Board Members look at a DRAFT of the Library FY27 budget & narratives to give them an idea of potential labor and benefit costs, needed increases to budget items, and prospective District Revenues. Nothing is yet set but this gave them a general idea of what the Library costs and revenues will be in the next fiscal year.

Next meetings are scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the Monahan Room of the Library. Additional dates for 2026: July 23, and Sept 24.

**Action ITEMS:**

**Recommendations:**

**Board ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

There being no further action or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm

Minutes completed by Lili Schmidt 3.27.2026

Approved May 28, 2026

Board Members