

Independence Public Library Board Meeting
January 27, 2025 – 5:00 pm
DRAFT Minutes

Present: Nathan Christensen, Rose Hernandez, Bradley Karkanen, Diana Lindskog, Vickie McCubbin, Leslie Howerton, Marilyn Morton (City Council Liaison), Patrick Bodily (Library Director).

Minutes from the November 25, 2024 Library Board meeting were read and approved as written. Motion by Bradley Karkanen, second by Vickie McCubbin. Motion passed by all Board members present.

Library Director Report:

- Patrick attended the check ceremony for the Spirit Mountain Awards Grant.
- Youth Coding League is happening again. The Museum Curator has stepped in to cover on the meetings when Patrick will be with the Library Board.
- Patrick provided an update on the graphics for the Book Bike.
- Patrick gave an update on facilities issues and repairs.
- The 2024 Year by the Numbers has been published.
- Patrick provided an update on programming and circulation at the library.
- Patrick has been doing the initial work on the budget request for FY 2025-2026. He and other city department heads will be giving a brief overview of their departments to the city council on February 11.
- He then asked for feedback on the layout and information presented in the 2024 by the Numbers.

Committee Report – Friends of the Library:

- The Friends of the Library made \$353 at their January Booksale.
- The Friends of the Library will be setting up their own eBay site to sale excess and donated materials that have a higher value than the current prices of Book Sale items. They are also working on creating a Friends of the Library website.

Unfinished Business

- **Library Board Ethics Statement.** Patrick reached out to the State Library of Oregon and was given a copy of the Handbook for Public Library Board Members in Oregon. He will email a copy of the handbook to board. He then read a sample Interaction Agreement from the Hood River Library District Board.
The board voted to create their own version of an interaction agreement by the end of the fiscal year. Motion made by Vickie McCubbin, seconded by Bradley Karkanen. Motion passed by all Board Members present.
- **Advisory Committee.** Nathan discussed with the Board that he wanted to create a shared “interest group” with a representatives from the Library, Parks, and Museum Advisory Board, and the Friends of the Library and the Heritage Museum Society.

The representatives from the library board would be members of a newly formed Advocacy Committee. A motion to create the Advocacy sub-Committee was made by Bradley Karkanen, with a second from Diana Lindskog.

Board Business

- Short Takes For Trustees. The Board voted to table the scheduled training for the month until their next scheduled Meeting in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.