

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, January 13th, 2021**

A [full recording of the current meeting](#) is available.

called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Members present: Francine Boullosa, Gretchen Coppedge, Katherine Daniels, Bill Distad, Sarah Bishop, Denise Duren, Callen Sterling, Lois Stark

Members absent: none

Guests: Theresa Wunderlich (Teen Advisory Board), Max Bishop (Teen Advisory Board)

Library staff members: Sarah Strahl, Sonja Somerville, Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

None.

Minutes were reviewed for November 18th, 2020. Gretchen moved and Katherine seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Theresa shared TAB members volunteered time to help prepare the bags for the Salem Reads Book Giveaway. Through contactless porch drops, TAB members added stickers to the giveaway bags and packed 60 pounds of dog treats into small bags. Each giveaway bag included a copy of the Salem Reads book – Walking with Peety by Eric O’Grey – information about the library and library partners, a packet of dog treats, and a yummy human treat generously donated by LivBar in Salem. TAB members also divided and bagged supplies for the next library Take & Make Kit – which will be an all-ages craft in which people paint rocks to look like cactus and then “plant” them in a little clay pot. The Teen Advisory Board released a TAB booklist called These Amazing Books. These are recommendations from TAB as book nerds to other teens. The recommendations include realistic fiction, nonfiction, science fiction, and fantasy. They wrote annotations and some members recorded book talks on video to help introduce the list. The list is now available online for download.

List: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/tab-recommends-book-list-2020.pdf>

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/egxj8ozG3LE>

Max shared the December teen program was popular. TAB invited people to come on Zoom and play Among Us! a online video game together. Because the game is played in groups of 10, TAB had multiple Zoom rooms and teams of TAB members who hosted the rooms and made sure everyone had a good time playing. TAB had brand new players all the way to experienced players. It was a lot of fun. In January, TAB is trying a new idea also – a Zoom group study night about a week before the end of term, so that people can be motivated and help each other out while getting their assignments done. TAB also have a team led by Cady McManus that will be hosting a three-part online coding workshop in March, focused on teaching HTML.

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INFORMATION ITEMS

TAB Report

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No Chair's Report was shared at the current meeting.

Chair's Report

Sarah shared this week the library released the Library Fantasy video game to patrons. It is a video game that replicates the experience of being in the library. A limited version of curbside is reopening and all the appointments for the first week are full. The demolitions for the Main Library entrance have begun and it was also funded by the Foundation.

City Librarian's Report

No Friends report was shared at the current meeting.

Friends Report

No Foundation report was shared at the current meeting.

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Francine shared that the contracted artist, Amanda Wojik works out of the public space at the University of Oregon. She doesn't have an independent studio therefore with the governor's order for COVID shutdown the project was affected due to her not having access to her studio. At the most recent meeting Amanda shared a paper mock-up of the sculpture with the committee. The final design will be three dimensional. Francine's concern is that it will be stark white. Francine proposed to LAB if they should suggest to the committee that Amanda returns to her original concept that contained more color. At the art committee meeting Amanda shared that there would be a matte white and a sparkly white powder coat.

Public Art Update (Francine)

Lois noted that LAB was unable to make a position statement and Sarah offered to bring the concerns to the Salem Public Library public art selection committee.

Last meeting LAB member learned about the Literacy to go outreach program. This program provides books kits for children in the community. Lois shares that this would be a great project to LAB to support by providing funding. Sarah explained that this program was initially partially funded by the Ready to Read program. This program is currently paused due to COVID restrictions. Sarah would like to invite youth services librarians Jessica Marie to a future LAB meeting to discuss funding and answer questions for LAB.

Literacy to go Donation (Lois)

Sarah shared with LAB that the Boards and Commissions committee has not met yet. The committee meets on a quarterly basis and at that time they will discuss the future of the new LAB member. There is still a pool of applicants from the last time the applications were open that can be used to help find the new member.

New LAB member update (Sarah)

Lois shared; the renovations subcommittee voted unanimously to support the three-hour parking recommendation for the library that LAB presented.

Library Renovation subcommittee parking vote (Lois)

Callen worked with a committee where they have received 9 proposals to the RFP for the consultant. Each committee member scored each proposal

Strategic Plan consultant (Callen)

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individually and then meet to debrief. The committee selected the top 4 consultants. The committee will meet with each consultant for an interview. Upon meeting with the top 4 candidates, the committee will select a final consultant.

ACTION ITEMS

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10th, 5:30 PM, via ZOOM. The meeting adjourned at 6:41p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant