

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, June 9th, 2021**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Gretchen Coppedge, Katherine Daniels (Vice Chairman), Bill Distad, Sarah Bishop, Callen Sterling, Francine Boullosa, Stephen Rosen, Denise Duren, Lois Stark (Chairman)

ATTENDANCE

Members absent: None.

Guests: Carol Voeller (Friends of Salem Public Library), Michelle Teed (City of Salem Attorney), Cady McManus (Teen Advisory Board), Sammi (Teen Advisory Board)

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

Eric Schuman (community member) president of the Mid-valley Travel Club ericpa3@comcast.net Eric shared that the Mid-Valley Travel Club has met monthly Sept to May at Loucks auditorium for 20 years educating the community on peoples, destinations, and culture from all 7 continents. Meetings are free and open to the public. All participation is by volunteers – there is no tax designation for the group as there is no income. The Club recently received notice that the club's mission was not in line with the mission of the SPL, and the category of sponsored organizations was eliminated. The Club which regularly has 30-60 attendees. The policy change will not permit pre-scheduled monthly recurrent meetings.

**APPEARANCE OF
INTERESTED
CITIZENS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for May. Denise moved and Gretchen seconded that minutes be approved with approved additions to the minutes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Somerville, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Member(s), Cady and Sammi, provided an update on recent TAB activities. TAB finished a promotional video for the Summer Reading Club, which has been shared with families and schools as part of encouraging people to get signed up for this summer. <https://youtu.be/hqWnR-knerI> TAB members were also featured in another video, talking about their experiences as teens in the library, which Sonja used for a training for 20 staff members focused on service to teens in general, readers advisory for teens, and an orientation to the Salem Public Library Teen Scene. TAB also brainstormed a bunch of fun ideas for the Goose Chase online scavenger hunt in July. Two TAB members have been very important to TAB – the current co-chairs Brinsley Hammond-Brouwer and Bella Ramey will be graduating Friday from South Salem High School. Brinsley have been on TAB for 7 years, since joining as a 6th grader; Bella joined in 7th grade and has served for 6 years. They have both been active leaders and involved in many, many TAB projects over the year. They will officially remain with TAB through August 2021.

TAB Report

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No Chair's Report was shared at the current meeting. Lois is reviewing the financial statements for LAB. If any of the LAB members would like to assist her with this task, please send her an email.

Chair's Report

Sarah answered questions from the group regarding the June City Librarian's Report. Sarah shared that Amanda Wojick has begun installing the sculpture at the Main Library.

City Librarian's Report

Carol shared a report on Friends of Salem Public Library activities.

Friends Report

Gretchen shared a report on Salem Public Library Foundation activities. The Foundation is working on the placement of the public art at the Main Library.

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The ethics training was postponed to a future meeting.

**Ethics Training
(Michelle Teed)**

Francine expressed interest in the Take What You Need Project that TAB will be hosting. This project would provide basic toiletries and brochures of local assistance agencies in the library public restrooms. Francine proposed LAB donate to the project.

**TAB Donation
(Francine)**

At this time Lois decided to not hold a July LAB meeting.

**July Meeting
Proposal (Lois)**

Lois asked Sarah various questions regarding the library meeting room policies.

**Meeting Room Fees
(Lois)**

Katherine shared that the Salem Public Library consulate for the Library strategic plan has shared a summary of the strategic plan proposal online. Katherine observed that the consultants focused more on the how than the what of the strategic plan. Katherine proposed that the LAB contribute to the plan by expanding on the what in more detail. The references of this topic can be found in the June City Librarian's report. A motion was made and seconded to communicate the following issues from LAB to be addressed by the strategic plan steering committee: Branch libraries or co-location, Monday hours, Collection development policy, Fines, Budget enhancement, and Wild Ideas. The motion was carried unanimously.

**LAB input into
Strategic Plan
(Katherine)**

ACTION ITEMS

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11th, 5:30 PM, via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant