

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

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Lois called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Members present:** Francine Boullosa, Gretchen Coppedge, Katherine Daniels, Bill Distad, Louise Newswanger, Sigrid Olsen, Lois Stark, Callen Sterling

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members absent:** Jeffrey Skrysak (excused)

**Guests:** Carol Voeller (Friends of Salem Public Library)

**Library staff members:** Sarah Strahl, Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

Ellen Stephens (community member) No comment given.

**APPEARANCE OF  
INTERESTED  
CITIZENS AND  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Gretchen moved and Sigrid seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

No Teen Advisory Board report was shared at the current meeting.

**TAB Report**

Lois shared that she spoke to Aaron Kimsey with City of Salem regarding the trees outside the Main Library during the renovations. Lois said there will only be minor trimming of the branches and two Japanese maples trees will be removed.

**Chair's Report**

Sarah said she was present when the last item was packed at the Main Library for storage. Sarah has been working with the Human Rights Committee on the welcoming and inclusivity signage for the Broadway Library. The inclusivity signage will be on the interior and exterior of the Broadway Library entrance. Sarah asked the LAB if they wanted to help fund the inclusivity signage.

**City Librarian's  
Report**

Carol said the Friends of the Salem Public Library store is going well at its new location. The Friends are also going to be doing only one Booksale per year until the renovation of the library is complete. It is in the works that the Booksale will be held in the month of July. Carol shared the Friends are looking for place to host their Booksale. Several LAB members suggested contacting Salem-Keizer Public Schools for a space to have the Booksale.

**Friends Report**

**Foundation Report**

Louise shared Salem Reads had a great turn out at the Historic Grand Theatre. Next week they will be having big event at Chemeketa community College. Loise said the Salem Leadership Foundation will be funding four options for the finishing project library retrofit. The approximate cost for these will be \$500,000. The four options funded are adding windows to the back of the concrete nooks facing Commercial St., removing the West concrete stairwell and infill to create space for teen/youth, removing the

**(Seismic Upgrade  
Project update)**

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stairs that faced historic books, and adding a new more visible stairwell that will also improve lines of sight, and relocating and enlarging the Discovery room. Mayor Bennet and City Council are proclaiming February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Salem Public Library Foundation Day.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Francine noted that she and Gretchen had the same agenda item and gave the floor to Gretchen.

**Art Selection  
(Francine)**

Gretchen shared there were 33 artists that applied for the opportunity to showcase their work in the public art space at the Main Library for the 0.5% percent for art requirement in the Seismic Bond. After many interviews and hours spent by the public art selection committee they were able to narrow down the search to three artists. March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 the remaining three artists will present their proposal before the art selection committee.

**Art  
Project/ Interviews  
(Gretchen)**

Sarah shared the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Broadway library will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3:14p.m. There will be speakers from the city, crafts, and activities for all. Sarah invited the LAB to speak as well.

**Broadway Open  
House (Sarah)**

Lois shared the idea of streamlining the agenda by including written reports in the agenda packet rather than having oral reporting to the rest of the LAB members thus resulting in more discussion time.

**Streamlining the  
agenda (Lois)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Gretchen moved to streamline the agenda and Bill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sigrid moved and Gretchen seconded that the \$1200 donation to the inclusivity signage project be allocated to the project with the lowest funds, (Hendricks Trust) and (Luella Charlton Estate). Motion carried unanimously.

**MISC BOARD ITEMS**

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, in the Meeting Room. The meeting adjourned at 6:37p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &  
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant