

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

A [full recording of the current meeting](#) is available.
Lois called the meeting to order at 5:29p.m.

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

Members absent: none.

Guests: Carol Voeller (Friends of Salem Public Library), Sam Toledo, (West Salem High School), Talia Ruehr (Sprague High School)

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

None.

Minutes were reviewed for February 12th, 2020. Gretchen moved and Louise seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Somerville, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Members, Sam Toledo and Talia Ruehr, provided an update on recent TAB activities. TAB has formed a band and is practicing two songs (and a little something extra) for the Open House on Saturday. TAB members got the idea after realizing that nearly every one of the 20 TAB members plays an instrument or sings! Sam and Talia arranged the music and re-wrote the lyrics to one of the songs, so it is using all kinds of skills. The next meeting will be tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. this will be TAB's first meeting at the Broadway Library. TAB members have had two work days to create items for an Art Swap. TAB members are creating sets of small art pieces that will be sent to a library in Pennsylvania in early April and swapped so they can get small art from teens across the country! A committee is also working on a video that will advertise the Summer Reading Club. They tell the story using library puppets as actors and try to get kids, teens, and adults excited about reading and learning this summer.

Lois said the Library had done a good job of packing thousands of books.

Carol shared a report on Friends of Salem Public Library activities. Carol said Sigrid had written a great email to Salem-Keizer Public School District to ask if they had a space for the Friends to use for future Booksales. Carol shared the Friends had found a space off Broadway for the Friend's next Booksale

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

**APPEARANCE OF
INTERESTED
CITIZENS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

TAB Report

Chair's Report

Friends Report

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Sarah invited youth service manager of the Salem Public Library Karen Fischer to answer questions regarding the youth area of the Library. Karen shared that if after 15 minutes if an adult is not accompanying a minor, they will be asked to leave the youth area to help keep the space as safe as possible. Karen said if they allow adults into that space teens will no longer a space in the Library. Lois questioned the idea of adding additional seating to the Library. Sarah shared that due to ADA accommodations if we added additional seating, we would be out of compliance. Additionally, due to the feedback from the community about the collections last year Library Leadership felt for the Broadway Library Space was more important to the community to have collection space versus seating. Sarah shared with LAB the Library is following the Department of Health's cleaning recommendations with regards to COVID-19. She recommended that if patrons are sick, they can still access our online library resources such as eBooks and movies.

**City Librarian's
Report**

The report was shared as an attachment to the March LAB agenda. There were no questions from the group.

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Carol said she was looking into options for advertising the Friends store such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Travel Salem. She will find out quotes from several vendors and bring them to a future LAB meeting to request funding from LAB.

**Friends Help
Request (Carol)**

Gretchen shared the art selection committee was working on final selection for the artist to be featured at the Salem Public Library. The committee has narrowed down the selection to 6 finalists. Gretchen said they had presentations from artists for approximately 5 hours for two days. They heard three presentations each day and each artist presented for approximately 45 minutes. The art selection committee will come together for another meeting to announce the artist selected.

**Art Selection
(Gretchen)**

Lois questioned the idea of if a nominating committee is needed for LAB member elections. A discussion occurred among LAB members. Ultimately, they decided to revisit this later. Sarah is going to consult the idea with Marc Weinstein City of Salem Attorney.

**By Law change
(Lois)**

ACTION ITEMS

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, 5:30 PM, in the Meeting Room. The meeting adjourned at 6:26p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant