

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
March 14, 2018**

Nick called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Bill Distad, Louise Newswanger, Jeff Skrysak, Callen Sterling, Nick Wood

ATTENDANCE

Members absent: Harry Iwatsuki, Sigrid Olsen, Lois Stark

Guests: Ben Toledo (Teen Advisory Board), Sam Toledo (Teen Advisory Board), Carol Voeller (Friends of Salem Public Library)

Library staff members: Lilly Gamaney, Danny Smith, Sonja Somerville

None.

**APPEARANCE OF
INTERESTED
CITIZENS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes with revisions were reviewed for January 10, 2018. Nick moved and Bill seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Minutes were reviewed for February 14, 2018. Nick moved and Bill seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Nick said he will follow up with LAB members regarding lack of quorum at recent meetings. Nick said that he talked with Danny and City Librarian final interviews will take place on April 6, 2018. Nick said plans are still coming together, but he plans to participate on one of the panels. Nick confirmed that all LAB members are invited to attend the candidate presentations on April 6 and that an invitation is forthcoming. Nick confirmed that Jackie Leung has been removed from the board.

Chair's Report

Referencing Louise's comments about the West Salem Branch Library at the previous LAB meeting, Danny shared that new children's furniture is being deployed at WSBL. Nick asked about future plans for NASA involvement in library programming. Danny said that there are some plans in the works for a potential live video connection with the International Space Station. Danny shared that State Librarian, Mary Kay Dahlgren was dismissed by Governor Brown and the State Library Board. OLA has petitioned Gov. Brown for more information about this decision.

**City Librarian's
Report**

Danny shared an update on Library news, which included the following:

- City Librarian interviews will be held on April 6, 2018. A first round of Skype interviews was conducted recently and three candidates have been invited to interview on April 6.
- Large white number decals have been installed on the front facing doors of the elevators.
- Picture book collections organized by topic have been deployed in the Children's Room.
- Budget planning has resulted in a \$15,000 increase in the subscriptions and books budget line.
- Food For Fines program was approved by City Council. The event will run March 31-April 8.

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- Heather Jones attended a NASA@ My Library Conference in Denver, CO this month. At this conference, Heather was certified to handle moon rocks and other items.
- More large print books to be added at WSBL soon.
- Salem Reads 2018 programming wrapped up in February with great attendance and enthusiasm for programs.
- February Snuggle Up Reading Club going well in Youth Services.
- Ceili of the Valley Irish dance group provided a workshop for kids.
- Recent Creative Kids program saw children weaving Kente cloths.
- Record number of families with preschoolers participated in Discovery Kids programming.

Nick introduced Carol. Carol shared that the Spring Book Sale is coming up, April 6-8. **Friends Report**

In the absence of the group's liaison to the Board of the Salem Public Library Foundation, Lois Stark, no Foundation Report was shared at this meeting. Louise said that the Salem Reads Book Selection Committee has put together a list for Salem Reads 2019 title. **Foundation Report**

Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Somerville, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Members Sam Toledo and Ben Toledo provided an update on recent TAB activities, including a preview of the TAB's entry to the annual Teen Video Challenge for the Collaborative Summer Library Program, creation of 14 refugee baby kits for Salem For Refugees, Spring décor in Teen Scene, and continued work on the Teen's Top Ten list. Sonja said that voting for the Teen Video Challenge ends today. **TAB Report**

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Bill asked Lilly to quote sections in the LAB bylaws that reference attendance requirements. Bill asked if Library staff have noticed an uptick in use of the facility overall due to the opening of the Reading Room. Danny said that the room is getting a lot of use but that he couldn't comment for certain about any connection between increased foot traffic and the opening of the Reading Room. Danny added that Kate Van Ummersen (Director, Salem Public Library Foundation) is working with Karen Kinzie (Circulation Division Manager) to compare gate counts across years to determine if there were any increases due to Salem Reads programs. **MISC BOARD ITEMS**

The group talked briefly about parking issues, including the need for more options other than coin-operated meters.

Danny shared that he and Norm Wright (Director, City of Salem Community Development) are looking into removal of all DVD fees.

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The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 5:30 PM, in the Board Room. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Nick moved, Jeff seconded, motion passed. **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Lilly Gamaney, Staff Assistant