

Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

Lois called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: David Levy (Vice Chair), Francine Boullosa, Lois Stark (chair), Sarah Bishop, Valerie Harris, Gretchen Coppedge; Matthew Jobson

ATTENDANCE

Members absent: none.

Guests: Marc Weinstein (City of Salem Attorney); Dianna Barron (Teen Advisory Board); Alexander Marvin (Teen Advisory Board); Helena Miller (Teen Advisory Board)

Library staff members: Bridget Esqueda, Kristy Kemper Hodge, Sonja Somerville, Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

None.

**APPEARANCE OF
INTERESTED
CITIZENS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for November. Gretchen moved and Matthew seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Kirsty Kemper Hodge, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Members, Dianna Barron and Alexander Marvin provided an update on recent TAB activities. TAB shared that the new teen librarian is Kirsty Kemper Hodge who will be coordinating TAB moving forward.

TAB Report

No written report was submitted to the current agenda packet. Lois shared that this will be her last meeting with LAB, as she is resigning from the board.

Chair's Report

Bridget answered questions from the group regarding the January City Librarian's Report.

**City Librarian's
Report**

No report was shared for the current meeting.

Friends Report

Sarah shared a report on Salem Public Library Foundation activities. The Foundation welcomed two new members to their board. The Salem Reads book giveaway was very successful.

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Topic discussed during the chair's report.

**Chair Resignation
(Lois)**

Due to the library hours change LAB discussed options of time they

Adjustment of LAB

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would met for future meetings. Since two new board members will be joining at the next meeting they will discuss the new schedule moving forward at that time. For the February meeting they will vote for a time change during the action items of the meeting. Bridget suggested that the LAB meetings be moved to a time that accommodates the new schedule.

Matthew shared shared that he and Lois met with Sonja, Kate, and a member of the Foundation board to discuss how they can collaborate on advocating for the library.

Valerie shared that she is part of the Oregon Battle of the Books program. It is a statewide program where children read several books and compete against other students on the contents of the books. Valerie shared that schools apply for grants for a set of those books for them to be available for their students. Valerie asked if LAB would like to donate funds for books for this program. Sonja shared that the library does currently orders several copies of the books to be available for check out at the library. Valerie answered questions from LAB. Valerie is going to go back and talk to other members of this program and gather more information to share with LAB at a later meeting.

Francine reviewed the current library budget vs the proposed budget for the new fiscal year. She shared with LAB her analysis of the budget.

David made a motion that LAB recognizes the difficult challenges library staff have gone through and thanked them for their dedication to Salem Public Library and Matthew seconded. Motion passed.

David made a motion for the February 2024 meeting to be hybrid from 5:00pm to 6:00pm and Matthew second. Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14th, 5:00PM, 2024 hybrid at the Collaboration Studio at the Salem Public Library and on Zoom streamed on the Salem Public Library Youtube channel. The meeting adjourned at 6:29p.m.

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant

**meeting times
(Bridget)**

**Summary of
December 6th
meeting with
support boards
(Lois)**

**the Oregon Battle
of The Books
(Valerie)**

**Library Funding
(Francine)**

ACTION ITEMS

LAB support to SPL

February Meeting

MISC BOARD ITEMS

**NEXT MEETING &
ADJOURNMENT**