

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

Lois called the meeting to order at 5:34p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members absent:** Gretchen Coppedge (excused)

**Guests:** Marc Weinstein (City of Salem Attorney); Diana Barron (Teen Advisory Board)

**Library staff members:** Bridget Esqueda, Sonja Somerville, Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

None.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for September. David moved and Sarah seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Somerville, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Member, Diana Barron provided an update on recent TAB activities. Diana shared that elections for TAB officials were held in September.

**TAB Report**

Lois shared a chair's report and answered questions from the group.

**Chair's Report**

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

**City Librarian's Report**

No Friends' report was shared at the current meeting.

**Friends Report**

No Foundation report was shared at the current meeting. Kate updated the group during the discussion items.

**Foundation Report**

Francine shared with LAB her experience providing testimony to city council on behalf of LAB. Francine answered questions from the group.

**Testimony to City Council (Francine)**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Kate shared an overview of the Salem Reads project and answered question from the group. Kate asked LAB to consider donating \$5000 to the Salem Reads Project.

**SPL Foundation Projects and Salem Reads request (Kate)**

Lois shared that her and David meet with Sonja, Kate, and Jim Montgomery to discuss the possibility of the Foundation and LAB collaborating in the

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future. Lois is optimistic that the support boards can meet for the tentative date of December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**update (Lois)**

Bridget shared with LAB that when patrons check out books at the service desk the receipt that is printed tells patrons how much money was saved by checking out the books from Salem Public Library. The self-checkout receipts currently don't offer this feature. Bridget answered questions from the group.

**Patron receipts project update (Lois)**

This was a duplicate discussion item. It was discussed under support boards possible meeting.

**LAB funding ad (Francine)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Sarah made a motion to donate \$5000 to the Salem Reads Project and Valorie seconded. Motion passed with one friendly amendment.

**Salem Reads Request**

**MISC BOARD ITEMS**

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30 PM, via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 7:06p.m.

**NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant