

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

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

Lois called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

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

Members absent: Matthew Jobson (excused)

Guests: Marc Weinstein (City of Salem Attorney); Dianna Barron (Teen Advisory Board); Lauren Huber (Teen Advisory Board)

Library staff members: Sonja Somerville, Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

None.

Minutes were reviewed for October. Francine moved and David seconded that minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried

Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Somerville, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Members, Dianna Barron and Lauren Huber provided an update on recent TAB activities. TAB was honored to be recognized at the City of Salem volunteer recognition. TAB received the Mayor's Youth Achievement Award. In October, teams of TAB members cooperated to build a Thrills & Chills Haunted House in Anderson Rooms A&B. The haunted house received 632 visits.

No chair report was shared at the current meeting.

Bridget submitted a written city librarian report as an attachment to the November LAB agenda.

No Friends' report was shared at the current meeting.

Sarah shared two new members joined the Foundation board. The Foundation is working with the Salem Art Association for Salem Reads.

Lois extended the invitation to TAB for the meeting LAB will be having with the library support boards (Friends and Foundation) to discuss future collaborations on December 6th.

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INFORMATION ITEMS

TAB Report

Chair's Report

City Librarian's Report

Friends Report

Foundation Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on December 6 meeting with other support boards (Lois)

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Lois lead an open discussion with LAB on ways to support the library with funds and programs. Lois shared possibility of LAB funding an outreach for the library.

Brainstorm ways to support the library with funds and programs

Lois made a motion that LAB supports the concept of the LAB subcommittee meeting with the Friends, TAB, and the Foundation on December 6th and Gretchen seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

David made a motion that LAB supports the continued service level of the library looks forward with working with city council on other options ahead and Francine seconded. Motion passed.

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 5:30 PM, at the Salem Public Library Collaboration Studio. The meeting adjourned at 6:28p.m.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant