

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board  
Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

A [full recording of the current meeting](#) is available.  
David called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Members present:** **Members present:** Dana Castano, Gretchen Coppedge, David Levy, Valerie Harris, Matthew Jobson, Sarah Bishop

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members absent:** Francine Bullosa, Kelly Rath

**Guests:** Nancy Leighton (Friends of Salem Public Library), Marc Weinstein (City of Salem Attorney)

**Library staff members:** Bridget Esqueda, Rachel Collins , Kristy Kemper Hodge

None.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for May. Dana moved and Gretchen seconded that minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Kristy Kemper-Hodge, provided an update on recent TAB activities. TAB will have four openings for the next school year. Several former TAB members will be part of the recruitment for the new board members. TAB will be hosting events this summer, including the upcoming murder mystery party.

**TAB Report**

David shared a report on recent LAB Chair activities. David reminded LAB members there will be no meeting in the month of July and the next meeting will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>. David also shared that city council voted to fund at the same current level for the coming year. He was also part of the teen intern interviews. There were more than 60 applicants. David plans to set up a meeting with the new mayor to discuss several topics, including their priorities and vision for the library.

**Chair's Report**

Bridget answered questions from the group regarding the June City Librarian's Report. Bridget provided the statement from Clarissa with regards to the minutes. Marc echoed her statement by sharing the minutes are a highlight of what occurs at the meeting such as the formal motions that provide record of what was voted on and actions that were taken at the meetings. He also shared that it would be burdensome to change the minutes into transcripts. The recordings of the meetings are available. He also said that minor corrections such as grammatical errors can be made without a formal motion. Marc said when the change being made changes the substance of the minutes is when the motions must be change with a formal motion. Minutes are an overview than a transcript.

**City Librarian's Report**

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Nancy Leighton shared that the Friends are working with the infinity room for a fundraiser that will occur in July. Working on that. The Friends will be hosting a One day fiction sale in August. The spring book sale brought in \$6000.

**Friends Report**

The annual Foundation report was sent to donors. The Foundation budget was approved for the new fiscal year. The Foundation thanked LAB for contributing to Salem Reads. The book for the next Salem Reads is currently being voted on by the public. Kate will be retiring from the Foundation and the recruitment for her position is going well.

**Foundation Report**

David spoke on this topic during the chair report section of the meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**FY 2024-2025  
Budget Update  
(David)**

Valerie had previously asked LAB for funds for the Oregon Battle of the books. Working with Sonja Somerville, Valerie and her came up with the idea of asking LAB to pay for some copies of the Oregon Battle of the Books for patrons to check out at the library. The library has a section of the books for patrons to check out. LAB funds would increase the size of the collection and allow more patrons to check out these high demand books. Valerie asked LAB for \$5000 dollars to pay for this collection and it would provide at least two copies, an e-book, and an audio book of each books that is part of the Oregon Battle of the Books. Gretchen moved to approve the motion and Matthew seconded. The motion was passed.

**Funding proposal –  
Oregon Battle of the  
Books (David)**

David thanked both Sarah and Francien for the dedication and time to LAB.

**Thanking Francine  
and Sarah for their  
terms served with  
LAB (David)**

Bridget shared that seven applications are being reviewed. She answered several questions from the group.

**LAB board  
recruitment update  
(David)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MISC BOARD ITEMS**

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 5:00 PM, hybrid via Zoom and in the Collaboration Studio of the Salem Public Library. The meeting adjourned at 5:51p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &  
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant