

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board  
Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

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

David called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Members present:** Gretchen Coppedge, David Levy, Valerie Harris, Matthew Jobson, Clyde Saiki, Cara Filsinger, Cameron Pickworth, Dana Castano

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members absent:** Kelly Rath

**Guests:** Marc Weinstein (City of Salem Attorney), Sage (Teen Advisory Board), Ibica (Teen Advisory Board), Keys, Maitland, Grace.

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

Jim Scheppke shared with LAB information about an organization called Fund Our Libraries. Jim shared with LAB a handout on frequently asked questions about the organization. Jim is asking for support for a levy to help fund the library. He also shared that on October 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a City Council Work Session and he is asking that LAB submit a written testimony. Fund Our Libraries acquired 432 signatures in support by tabling outside of Salem Public Library.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for August. Matthew moved and Valerie seconded that minutes be approved. Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Kristy Kemper Hodge, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Members, Sage and Ibica provided an update on recent TAB activities. The first TAB meeting that will be welcoming the new members will be September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. TAB will start planning their new events for the coming year.

**TAB Report**

David shared a report on recent LAB Chair activities.

**Chair's Report**

Bridget submitted a written City Librarian Report that was part of the September agenda packet. No additional questions were asked by LAB.

**City Librarian's Report**

A report was on the Friends of Salem Public Library activities. The Friends raise \$1200 in 6 hours. There will be a breakfast for the Friends volunteers on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The 16<sup>th</sup> of October the Friends will be having a one day art sale.

**Friends Report**

No report was shared at the current meeting. The September 5<sup>th</sup> Foundation meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

**Foundation Report**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Bridget shared with LAB a proposal for two library college student internships and it was submitted as an attachment to the September

**Library Funding Request (Bridget)**

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agenda packet. Bridget asked LAB if they could fund two college student internships for the library. Bridget answered questions from the group. Valerie made a motion that LAB fund the Salem Public Library College internships for 2024-2025 and Gretchen and Cameron seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MISC BOARD ITEMS**

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 4:00 PM, hybrid via the Salem Public Library YouTube Channel and the Collaboration Studio at the Salem Public Library. The meeting adjourned at 5:52p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &  
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant