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**Library Advisory Board Minutes: February 11, 2019**  
For Multnomah County Library Advisory Board

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The Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB) met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at Midland Library. Chair Quinn MacNichol called the meeting to order at 7:36 am.

Board members present were: Brendan Gallagher, Chester Ching, Clare Wilkinson, Cynthia Tseng, Erin Cooper, Lizzie Martinez, Lois Leveen, Quinn MacNichol, Rob Edmiston, Svetlana Karpe, Thomas Dwyer, and Willow Kelleigh. Bethel Sishu, Elliot Zais, and Sandra Acosta Casillas were excused. David Hoang was absent.

Staff members present were: Dave Ratliff, neighborhood libraries director; Don Allgeier, director of operations; Jeremy Graybill, marketing and online engagement director; Johnette Easter, human resources manager; Jon Worona, director of content strategy; Katie O'Dell, programming and outreach director; Shawn Cunningham, director of communications and strategic initiatives; Sonja Ervin, equity and inclusion manager; Terrilyn Chun, deputy director; Vailey Oehlke, director of libraries; Maddelyn High, director's assistant; and Alene Davis, library facilities manager.

Also in attendance were: Commissioner Lori Stegmann, District 4, Multnomah County; Jeff Renfro, Office of County Management, Multnomah County; Merris Sumrall, The Library Foundation; and Jackie Starr, Friends of the Library.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and shared their favorite library. Minutes for the January 14, 2020 meeting were then approved.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Committee members provided the following updates:

**Equity Committee**

Lois Leveen shared that the Equity Committee (which is still determining its committee name) has been discussing barriers to LAB participation, and the best way for LAB to serve Multnomah County Library and to support the library's equity and inclusion goals.

**Nominating Committee**

Lizzie Martinez noted that the Nominating Committee will have its first meeting soon, and will begin recruitment efforts for several positions (including both youth member positions) shortly. Martinez asked any current LAB members up for renewal for a second term to please get in touch about their plans to renew or not.

### Finance Committee

Erin Cooper announced that the Finance Committee's work is in full swing, and reminded that a quorum is needed to vote on [Community Budget Advisory Committee \(CBAC\)](#) budget recommendations at the March meeting (LAB services as the library's CBAC).

### DigiCommittee

Brendan Gallagher shared that the DigiCommittee is working to schedule its next meeting.

### **THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION (TLF)**

Merris Sumrall announced that The Library Foundation has been hard at work on a [new website](#), which is now live. Sumrall also noted that the foundation has started procurement of prizes for the library's Summer Reading program participants.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL)**

Jackie Starr shared that the Friends have been working to train volunteer public speakers in anticipation of a potential library bond referral, and are seeking others (non-LAB members) who are interested in participating in a speakers bureau. Volunteers will be matched with speaking engagements in their own neighborhoods and with organizations with whom they have a connection. Starr also invited folks to attend a benefit at Cliff's from 3:00-8:00 pm on February 23 (a portion of sales will go to the Friends of the Library). Cliff's is located in the former Bunk Bar space under Wonder Ballroom on NE Russell St.

### **CAPITAL PLANNING UPDATE**

Library Director Vailey Oehlke provided an overview of the library's proposed capital planning project, a plan that many library staff, stakeholders, and community members have been involved in at different levels, providing input and expertise. Oehlke expressed thanks to these folks, including to Martinez and Starr, who provided testimony on January 30 at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on what libraries mean to our communities and the impacts of limited library space. Oehlke summarized the plan, the values it's centered on, and proposed projects. The full plan is available on the library's website at <https://multcolib.org/planning-library-spaces>.

LAB members and library leadership then engaged in discussion about plan details, partnership opportunities, and expected impacts on the library's operations. Oehlke invited LAB members and other meeting attendees to route additional questions to the Library Director's Office for follow-up.

MacNichol adjourned the meeting at 8:35am.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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