

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

CONVENE: Vice President Walters convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Monrovia Public Library Community Room, 119 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Public Services Director Tina Cherry, Library Manager Carey Vance, Adult Services Supervisor Rebecca Elder, Youth Services Supervisor Elizabeth Schneider and Administrative Assistant Miga Wang.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boardmember Harvis led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Boardmembers Wall, Harvis, Dr. Morgan, Vice President Walters President Carlson excused.

PRESENTATIONS: City Manager Oliver Chi presented information on the new *Go Monrovia* Mobility Program.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Wall and seconded by Boardmember Harvis to accept the consent calendar consisting of CC-1 and CC-2. There were no objections, and the motion was unanimously approved. Boardmember Dr. Morgan abstained from CC-1.

*Correction on the minutes from January 24, 2018 Special Meeting; Boardmember Wall requested the permanent council member liaison for the library board meeting. This statement was missing from the last meeting minutes.

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the January 24, 2018 Special Meeting

CC-2 Adult and Youth Services Program Report for February 2018

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB): Adam Joyner, 8th Grade at Santa Fe Middle School provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

AR-1 Veterans Resource Center Update – Mabel Cross, Adult Librarian/Veterans Coordinator provided the Library Board with an update on the Veterans Resource Center.

The Veterans Connect @ the Library is a two year grant funded program. The program provides information to reintegrate California veterans into the California workforce and our communities in order to provide veterans the quality of life of other Americans. The goals for this project are to:

1. Provide veteran benefits and local service information to veterans and their family members, and links to other organizations serving veterans, especially local County Veteran Service Offices, CalVet and the Federal VA.
2. Increase registered veterans in the CalVet Reintegration system.
3. Increase California veteran benefit claims.
4. Connect veterans and their families to library resources.

In 2017, the Monrovia Veterans Resource Center hosted five programs for veterans. A total of 14 outreach events reached over 1,000 people and served 300 veterans. Six CalVet trained volunteers and Benefit Coaches volunteered 750 hours valued at approximately \$18,112 in savings.

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After discussion, it was moved by Boardmember Harvis, and seconded by Boardmember Dr. Morgan to Receive and file, AR-1 Veterans Resource Center Update.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

RFS-1 Tina Cherry, Public Services Director

- On Sunday, February 25, a dual dedication event of the Historic Santa Fe Depot and the Mayor Bob Bartlett Memorial were held at Station Square.
- Lisa Hansberger, Senior Recreation Supervisor is retiring after 29 years of service at the Community Center. A party celebrating her retirement will be held at Old Town Diplomat restaurant on March 1 at 5:00 pm.

RFS-1 Carey Vance, Library Manager

- The Winter Reading Program totals resulted in 290 participants that read 144,237 minutes. Since the nationwide goal was met, Investment Guru Mark Cuban will donate \$25,000 to the First Book Association.
- Through the Amnesty Month program, the library waived \$5,774 in fines and fees. A total of 455 materials were returned valued at \$7,828, and 299 patrons came back to the library.
- To celebrate Black History Month, the Library created an interactive STEM display highlighting black scientists and engineers. On February 7, Tim Fisher from Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association came to talk to teens about the global history. The Teen Advisory Board and Youth Commission worked together to support the Black History Month events.
- The theme for the 2018 Summer Reading Program is *Reading Takes You Everywhere*.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

LR-1 President Carlson: excused.

LR-2 Boardmember Harvis: Attended the Historical Museum Board meeting. Boardmember Harvis encouraged the Board and Staff to visit the Museum.

LR-3 Boardmember Morgan: Shared on how impressed she is with the Monrovia Community Coordinating Council. The meetings consist of 50 people from various non-profit organizations, that share information on programs they are passionate about in the community.

LR-4 Boardmember Wall: The Library Foundation is sponsoring a table at the "Serving with a Purpose" Conference on May 2. The Literacy Fundraiser "Community Feud" fundraiser is scheduled on April 22. Boardmember Wall encouraged the Boardmembers to put together a silent auction basket. The new Monrovia Reads Van unveiling is being held on Monday, February 26 at 4:00 pm. The Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program will kick-off in March. The program will reach five elementary schools, five days a week. This is all possible thanks to the support of Foothill Credit Union and The Greater New Car Dealer Association of Los Angeles, in conjunction with the City, the Library Foundation, and Monrovia Reads.

LR-5 Vice President Kim Walters: The Friends of Monrovia Public Library meeting will be held on Monday, April 2, 2018.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 8:21 PM

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