

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD  
HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019**

**CONVENE:** President Wall convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Community Services Director Tina Cherry, Library Manager Carey Vance, Adult Services Supervisor Rebecca Elder, Youth Services Supervisor Linda Vera, Senior Administrative Assistant Miga Wang.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Boardmember Carlson led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance: Boardmember Walters, Boardmember Thomas, Boardmember Carlson, Vice President Harvis and President Wall.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Vice President Harvis and seconded by Boardmember Thomas. There were no objections, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**CC-1** Unadopted Minutes of the July 25, 2019 Regular Meeting

**CC-2** Adult and Youth Services Program Report for August 2019

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB):** Emily Samaniego, 9<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Lucy's Priory High School, and Mia Sketeris, 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Clifton Middle School provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**AR-1 Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Evaluation** - Anush Balayan, Youth Services Librarian report: The Teen Advisory Board was established in 2009 and is intended to encourage and promote leadership skills and volunteer opportunities for teens grades sixth through twelfth. There are currently 124 teen members that have contributed a total of 2,429 volunteer hours, including 1,401 Summer Reading Program volunteer hours.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) partnered throughout the year with the Recreation Division's Youth Commission on events that included the Arbor Day Celebration, the MOHPG Historic Homes Tour, Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association (MDBAA) Children's Art Festival, and also collaborated with Healing Connection's March 4 Balance program by hosting a mindfulness art program.

The TAB program is funded by The Friends of Monrovia Public Library, which has helped fund programs, meeting refreshments and supplies. The Library Foundation awarded three TAB members Scholarships to help offset college costs. Based upon a Library Aide wage of \$12.00 per hour, this volunteer support saved the Library \$29,148.00.

Future plans for TAB programs include focusing on outreach to Santa Fe Middle School, Monrovia High School, and Canyon Oaks High School in efforts to increase TAB

representation from those schools. Increasing TAB participation in program planning for children and teens, will help to increase their opportunities to develop workplace skills.

**After discussion, the AR-1 Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Evaluation** was moved by Vice President Harvis and seconded by Boardmember Thomas to: receive and file AR-1 Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Evaluation Report.

#### **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

##### **RFS-1** Carey Vance, Library Manager

- To celebrate *National Library Card Month* in September, the library is having an interactive display for patrons to express what the library means to them. All new library card holders will get a free Monrovia Public Library branded lanyard.
- Two new part-time Library Clerks, Angel Loera and Michelle Almaraz joined the library team in August.
- The library held its third annual Staff Learning Summit. There were 23 staff members in attendance. Staff gave presentations on local history resources, library advocacy, mental health and well being, team building, and craft activities.

##### **RFS-2** Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- Updated the Board on the current city manager recruitment process

#### **LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:**

**LR-1** Boardmember Carlson: The Literacy Fundraiser will be held on September 29, 2019 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. The theme this year is *Literacy Heroes Scavenger Hunt*.

**LR-2** Vice President Harvis: No report.

**LR-3** Boardmember Thomas: No report.

**LR-4** President Wall: The Literacy Foundation will donate a gift basket for the upcoming literacy fundraiser. The Monrovia Reads attended the *Back-To-School* event, and donated 1,000 books to children and teens. Read Across Monrovia is Thursday, October 3, 2019.

**LR-5** Boardmember Walters: The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library will have its next meeting on October 9, 2019.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.