

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD  
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

**CONVENE:** President Wall convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Library Manager Carey Vance, Adult Services Supervisor Rebecca Elder, Management Analyst Julie Gallardo, Youth Services Librarian Josh Tuszynski, and Administrative Assistant Giana Marini.

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** Administrative Services Director Buffy J. Bullis, provided an updated on Measure K, Keep Monrovia Revenue Local Sales and Use Tax Measure

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

**CC-1** Unadopted Minutes of the August 22, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**AR-1 2019 Summer Reading Evaluation – Adult / Youth Services**

The purpose of the Summer Reading Program is to promote literacy, health and wellness and to better serve the Monrovia community. There was a total of 2,700 participation registered this year and 1,135 participants completed the program which was a slight increase compared to last year.

The Summer Reading Kickoff party provided many activities, that were held throughout the library, including craft tables, story time sessions, games, and fort making. There was a total of 32 new library cards created, 236 Summer Reading registrations and a total attendance of 1,200 patrons.

There were over 3,500 participants that took part in 38 youth services programs. Programs included Unmaker Lab, Lego Club, SIMS Movie Making, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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Apollo 11 Party and more. The library partnered with the organizations such as the Monrovia High School Robotics Team, YMCA and NASA for special programs. The outreach team reached 2,650 people attending Huntington Oaks, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, and local middle schools.

There were 200 participants who attended ten adult programs. Programs included holistic health and mindfulness activities, creative journaling, and fiber and felt art workshops. The library partnered with local business and organizations such as Copper Stone Grill and the Pasadena Humane Society.

**After discussion, AR-1 2019 Summer Reading Evaluation – Adult/Youth Services** was moved by Boardmember Walters and seconded by President Wall to receive and file AR-1 2019 Summer Reading Evaluation – Adult / Youth Services

### **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

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

- Josh Tyszynski has been promoted to permanent Youth Services Librarian
- The Monrovia Reads Van continues to visit the elementary schools and will expand to the middle schools, high school, and the Canyon Early Learning Center.
- Adult Services Librarian, Stefanie Ulate, received a *Book to Action* grant which will provide funds for supplies and programing surrounded around the theme of trees and conservation
- Family Literacy Grant students had their first pilot class out of nine classes, and has received positive feedback
- September was National Library Card Month, The library had 159 participants that shared what they love about the library on the interactive display. There were 210 new library cards created inside the library and 90 new cards during outreach events.

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

**LR-1** Boardmember Carlson: Excused. President Wall spoke on Boardmember Carlson's behalf. The Literacy Fundraiser will be held on September 29, 2019.

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

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

**LR-4** President Wall: *Read Across Monrovia* will take place on October 3, 2019. Monrovia Reads is kicking off a new Early Childhood program at the Canyon Early Learning Center (CELC) starting November 7. Monrovia Reads also had a debut of their new reading program at CELC on October 3 during the Read across event. Every child at CELC will be receiving a free book and an additional book for every 50 stories read to them.

**LR-5** Boardmember Walters: The next Friends meeting will be held on October 7, 2019.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.