

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD
HELD THURSDAY, June 24, 2021**

CONVENE: President Harvis convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Staff in attendance: Library Manager, Carey Vance, Adult Services Supervisor, Rebecca Elder, Youth Services Supervisor, Linda Vera, Adult Librarian/Veterans Coordinator, Mabel Cross and Administrative Assistant Giana Marini.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boardmember Carlson led the Flag Salute.

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

PRESENTATIONS: None

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

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the May 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Adult and Youth Services Program Report for June 2021

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB): Tamika Samuels, 12th grader at Monrovia High School, provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AR-1 2021 Veterans Resource Center Update – Mabel Cross, Adult Librarian / Veterans Coordinator provided updates for the Veterans Resource Center. In 2021, there has been 698 Veterans and their families served, 1,395 VetNow online support sessions, 484 volunteer service hours provided by 7 CalVet trained benefit coaches, 164 virtual workshops meetings and trainings, and 5 outreach events and programs.

During Memorial Day, the Veterans program partnered with the *Women's Auxiliary Program*, a branch of the American Legion, to provide flower poppies made by disabled veterans for patrons to keep in exchange for donations. Every donation went to supporting the rehabilitation of disabled veterans. From Thanksgiving through New Year's, the program also hosted a sock drive for patrons to donate socks, coloring books and games to the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) and Loma Linda rehabilitation center for disabled veterans. The library was also awarded sock donations from Hanes clothing to assist with the drive. Los Angeles veterans collaborated with University of Southern California to provide a program called *Veterans Peer Access Network* (VPAN) in order to provide service gaps that CalVet or VA do not offer. Case workers will be coming into the library to serve our Veterans and the library will continue its partnership with a VSO to offer

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services to local veterans. During Veteran's day community members were encouraged to send thank you notes to veterans and first responders.

Staff attended the CalVet program and this year's webinars concentrated on minorities and underserved veterans. Staff member Mabel Cross, was also selected as one of three people to speak at the California Library Association (CLA) conference in June for the Library Veterans national forum.

After discussion, the AR-1 2021 Veterans Resource Center Update was moved by Vice President Thomas and seconded by Boardmember Walters to: receive and file AR-1 2021 Veterans Resource Center Update.

AR-2 Library Board Reorganization – Carey Vance, Library Manager announced the Library Board reorganization for the 2021-22 program year. Starting the new fiscal year, Vice President Betty Thomas will be the new Library Board President and Boardmember John Carlson will be the new Vice President.

After discussion, it was moved by Boardmember Walters, and seconded by President Harvis to elect, Vice President Thomas as President and Boardmember Carlson as Vice President for the 2021-2022 program year

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

RFS-1 Carey Vance, Library Manager

- The library received a Library Services and Technology Grant for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$42,580 dollars to purchase a book locker that will be installed at Recreation Park near the Mary Wilcox Center. Patrons will be able to pick up holds and return items and it will be installed in 2022.
- The Library had 806 visitors in May and over 1,300 in June. On average about 60-70 people have been visiting the library per day. The library held its first in-person Storytime program in Library Park and had 36 people attend. The next Storytime will take place June 26.
- Veteran Joseph Callahan donated the proceeds from his book "1972: My war story" to the Veterans Resource Center. The first check he donated was \$290 dollars.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

LR-1 Boardmember Carlson: The Foundation held its annual meeting and reorganized the board. Boardmemeber Carlson is now President of the Library Foundation. Program requests were filled for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for literacy subscriptions and technology as well as technology for the Veteran's Resource center. The Foundation is currently looking into more donation opportunities.

LR-2 President Harvis: No report.

LR-3 Vice President Thomas: The Coordinating Council met on June 7. There were 19 participants who attended. The board will go dark in July and resume in August.

LR-4 Boardmember Wall: No report. Excused.

LR-5 Boardmember Walters: No report.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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