

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

CONVENE: Board President Harvis convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Monrovia Community Center Monroe Room, 119 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Library & Recreation Manager Kerri Zessau, Adult Services Supervisor Rebecca Elder, Youth Services Supervisor Elizabeth Schneider, Adult Services Librarian Norma Durian, and Administrative Assistant Miga Wang.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Harvis led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Boardmember Wall, Vice President Morgan and President Harvis. Boardmembers Carlson and Radford – Absent/Excused.

PRESENTATIONS: None

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

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the August 27, 2015 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Adult and Youth Services Program Report for August 2015

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB): Naz Shalviri and Jacob Szymkowski, seniors at Monrovia High School provided an update on current and upcoming TAB events.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

AR-1 2014-15 Monrovia Reads and Plays Program Evaluation: Recreation Coordinator, Memo Chavez reported the Monrovia Reads and Plays (MRP) program was developed to provide literacy and recreation services to children in low socioeconomic neighborhoods. The program includes homework help, recreational activities including; sports, crafts and card games, and reading and literacy. There were 50 registered participants in 2014-15, compared to 42 in 2013-14. MRP currently operates Monday – Friday 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

After discussion, it was moved by Boardmember Wall and seconded by Boardmember Morgan to receive and file AR-1 2014-15 Monrovia Reads and Plays Program Evaluation. There were no objections, and the motion was unanimously approved.

AR-2 2015 Summer Reading Club Evaluation: Youth Services Supervisor Elizabeth Schneider and Adult Services Librarian Norma Durian reported the Summer Reading Program theme was *Read to the Rhythm*. Total registered participants were 2,314, and exceeded the Library's goal by 314. The Summer Reading Club was designed to encourage everyone, infants through adults to read everyday for 42 days throughout the summer, making it a daily habit that would continue literacy growth and development. Teen volunteers were an important part of this program, assembling prize packets, managing and organizing the art/craft table, and shelving and cleaning books. The teens donated a total of 1,184, and represented a staff cost savings of \$10,656. Next summer's Reading Club Theme is *Read for the Win!*

After discussion, it was moved by Boardmember Wall and seconded by Vice President Morgan to receive and file AR-2 2015 Summer Reading Club Evaluation. There were no objections, and the motion was unanimously approved.

DIVISION MANAGER'S REPORT: Library & Recreation Manager, Kerri Zessau reported:
Upcoming Adult Services programs: Coloring and Coffee, and History of Tamales. Upcoming Youth Services programs include; a Steam program ~ Gak Science, movie nights will return • Thanked President Harvis for attending the last City Council meeting, and assisting with the TAB Volunteer of the Year presentation. • Lab Launch a new bio-tech firm located on Huntington Drive has reached out to City staff ~ they have offered a speaker for an upcoming TAB meeting. Lab Launch ribbon cutting is on Wednesday, October 7. • At the last Community Services Commission meeting recreation staff provided an update on smoking in public places. A brief update was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Spicer at the last City Council meeting as well. The City Council has asked the Public Services team to bring an update, and presentation to the City Council on smoking in public places that will highlight current laws, and the history and policies of neighboring cities. • The Library is now able to collect Wi-Fi data for daily connections from user devices.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

LR-1 Boardmember Carlson: Absent/Excused ~ Councilmember Shevlin on behalf of John Carlson - Read Across Monrovia is scheduled for October 1.

LR-2 President Harvis: Staff has offered to give the Library Board a tour of the Hillside Wilderness Preserve.

LR-3 Vice President Morgan: Monrovia Community Coordinating Council presented water and sewer rates change plan.

LR-4 Boardmember Radford: Absent/Excused.

LR-5 Board Member Wall: Library Foundation is working on the Literacy Fundraiser. Collected or promised about \$11,000 to date. Committee members are busily passing out flyers and providing posters to the merchants on Myrtle Avenue.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 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.