

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

CONVENE: President Thomas convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Staff in attendance: Community Services Director, Tina Cherry, Library Manager, Carey Vance, Adult Services Supervisor, Rebecca Elder, Literacy Coordinator, Jade Mushisky and Administrative Assistant Giana Marini.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boardmember Wall led the Flag Salute.

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

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the January 27, 2022 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Adult and Youth Services Program Report for February 2022

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

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AR-1 Literacy Services Update – Jade Mushisky, Literacy Coordinator provided the Literacy Services Update. From July 2020 through December 2021, there have been 294 programs provided by Literacy Services with a total of 1,875 participants. A total of 1,641 volunteer hours have been completed; 764 of those hours have been spent assisting with programs and 877 hours have been spent tutoring patrons one-on-one. There are currently 12 continuously active volunteers, and 3 new learners have been added to the program. The value of volunteer time contributed equates to approximately \$46,834 dollars saved.

The Library received a combined total of \$82,972 from the California State Library to fund both Adult Literacy and Family Literacy programs. The library was also awarded a Voxy/Write her Future Grant that provided a one-year license for a digital e-learning platform for six female learners to put their digital literacy skills into practice at home.

Library staff will continue to build the library's Fresh Reads Collection for new adult readers. The library will adopt a hybrid model of in-person and virtual literacy services to

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meet community safety needs and concerns. The Logitech video conferencing system, funded by the Monrovia Public Library Foundation will be used to support hybrid learning.

After discussion, it was moved by Boardmember Harvis and seconded by Boardmember Walters to receive and file **AR-1 Literacy Services Update**.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

RFS-1 Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- The Library will be participating in the upcoming Old Town Wine Walk taking place on April 23, 2022.

RFS-2 Carey Vance, Library Manager

- The Black History Month event on Saturday, February 19 had 60 attendees. Rhythmus of the Village Group provided music and storytelling, while the library held crafts and imaginative play.
- HelpNow had 391 sessions in January. There has been a total of 1,230 sessions since July 2021. Participation has mainly been from high school and college students using upper level math and foreign language sessions.
- The library received a grant from the state to install a book locker in Recreation Park, next to the Mary Wilcox Center. Staff is anticipating the launch of the book locker to take place in early May.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

LR-1 Vice President Carlson: No report.

LR-2 Boardmember Harvis: The Historical Museum is open Thursdays and Sundays from 1pm to 4pm. City Manager, Dylan Feik visited the museum to assess and support the needs of the museum.

LR-3 President Thomas: The Monrovia Coordinating Council held its monthly meeting virtually on February 7. Monrovia Police Department officers attended the meeting to present neighborhood updates.

LR-4 Boardmember Wall: Read Across Monrovia will be in person this year and will take place on Thursday, March 3. Monrovia Reads will be starting its first transitional kindergarten reading club and held its first parent class of the year at Canyon Early Learning Center (CELC). The Monrovia Reads Fundraiser will take place May 19. The next Monrovia Reads meeting will be in person on March 2.

LR-5 Boardmember Walters: The Friends held their virtual monthly meeting and anticipate participating in the annual book sale during Monrovia Days.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.