

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD
HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022**

CONVENE: President Thomas convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, June 23, 2022 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, Youth Services Supervisor, Ginger Antunez, Management Analyst Julie Gallardo, Librarian, Amanda Carey, Senior Administrative Assistant Miga Wang and Administrative Assistant Giana Marini.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boardmember Walters led the Flag Salute.

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

PRESENTATIONS: Recognition of Outgoing Boardmembers, President Thomas and Boardmember Walters.

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

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB): Harmony Gutierrez McCaskey, a 9th grader at Monrovia High School provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

AR-1 Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Amanda Carey, Youth Services Librarian provided the annual report for the Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program. The library received a grant from the California State Library Grant for the Monrovia Reads Van electronic vehicle that was unveiled in October 2021. The van has been equipped with 1,371 books, a Wi-Fi hotspot and built-in shelves for the collection.

In total, 155 visits have been made to local schools and community events in Monrovia. The van served 7,767 students and community members with, 4,225 materials checked-out, including English, Spanish and Chinese materials. In addition, the van made 206 new library cards.

The van was able to attend several events all over the city during the first year of service. Visits included Santa Fe Middle School Open House; So all May Read annual fundraiser; Monrovia Days Parade, Monrovia Area Partnership Program (MAP); Spring Egg Hunt and more.

The Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program will continue to provide visits to all schools in the Monrovia Unified School District promoting library services, increase mobile library

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circulation at school visits, provide informal learning opportunities and create a special collection for young students' needs.

After discussion, it was moved by Vice President Carlson and seconded by Boardmember Walters to: receive and file AR-1 Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program Annual Report FY2021/2022.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

RFS-1 Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- The Library Recruitment Board received four applications and appointed Jeffrey Ramos and Joel Angel Hernandez as new members.
- Due to the 4th of July holiday that falls on a Monday, the Library will be closed on Friday, July 1 thru July 4th for preparation and set up of equipment for the fireworks event.
- On July 6, Public Works will begin work on the planters at the Library entrance to provide temporary security through landscaping. Public Works will also continue to work on a lighting option for the entrance area.
- The Library will collaborate with Monrovia Police Officer, Nolasco, who will share his newly written book titled *Police Officer* during storytime.

RFS-2 Carey Vance, Library Manager

- The Library is collaborating with the Monrovia Unified School District for the summer school program at Monroe and Mayflower Elementary Schools. Annette Simpson and the Youth Services team will be visiting Monroe School two days a week in each classroom in June and Mayflower School in July.
- On Saturday, June 25, Monrovia Reads Van will attend the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association picnic at Recreation Park and the Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) Block Party at Julian Fisher Park at 5 pm.
- A total of 55 City employees and their families and 933 patrons registered for the Summer Reading Program from June 1 through June 23.
- Staff update; after years of service in Monrovia, Rebecca Elder, Adult Services Supervisor has decided to retire and her last day will be Friday, September 16. A going-away party will be announced as the date approaches.
- The library received a donation of \$133,333.33 from Robert Low, a teacher who was a former councilmember and mayor in Covina. The funding will be used for Youth Services books.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

LR-1 Vice President Carlson: The next meeting of the Library Foundation will take place on Thursday, June 30. The Foundation continues to work on the scholarships for The Teen Advisory Board teens.

LR-2 Boardmember Harvis: The Historical Museum has been very busy lately and has astonishing infrastructure inside the museum. The Board is looking forward to having a visit from Library staff for a team-building event.

LR-3 President Thomas: The Coordinating Council met on Monday, June 6 and continued to host a hybrid meeting. There were 11 participants on Zoom and 16

participants in-person. The process of electing the officer is complete, the new officers are President: Diane Balsamo; Vice President: Brian Greene; Treasurer: Katie Gundersen; and Secretary: Becky Shevlin.

LR-4 Boardmember Wall: Excused.

LR-5 Boardmember Walters: The next meeting of Friends of Monrovia will take place on July 18. The Monrovia Legacy Project has an average 500 views per month.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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