

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD
HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022**

CONVENE: President Thomas convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, April 28, 2022 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, Management Analyst, Julie Gallardo and Senior Administrative Assistant Miga Wang.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boardmember Harvis led the Flag Salute.

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

PRESENTATIONS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: CC-1 was moved by Boardmember Harvis and seconded by Boardmember Walters. CC-2 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 March 24, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB): None.

PUBLIC INPUT: Correction to the March 24, 2022 CC-1. Public input received from Arogant Hollywood regarding the public Wi-Fi and the ADA signage in women's public restroom stall in the library, should have also included his request to repair the drinking water fountain outside of Library Park. Public input was also received from Alison Fairchild and Hugh A.K.A. Uni regarding repairs to the water fountain and Wi-Fi.

Edward Belden, Commissioner of Community Services, attended the meeting, introduced himself and thanked the library for its contribution to the community.

AR-1 Library Strategic Plan Q2 2022 Progress Report – Carey Vance, Library Manager provided the 2022 Q2 Library Strategic Plan Progress Report. In this fifth year into the Strategic Plan, 54 goal activities have been accomplished, which is 82% of the total goal.

A total of 4,298 students were served from September 2021 to March 2022, during the Monrovia Reads Mobile library visits. The library reached 1,635 participants from January to March 2022 for programs offered virtually and in-person for children, teens and adults. Veterans Resource Center staff also assisted 272 veterans during this time.

Staff continue to expand existing partnerships with the community, including the annual Egg Hunt at Recreation Park, the Wine Walk with board members and the Earth Day event at Library Park. The Mobile Van collaborated with Monrovia Reads to support Sierra

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Subaru on National Read Across America Day. Staff also collaborated with the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association (MDBAA) to celebrate Black History Month.

Literacy staff distributed 29 family literacy kits in April 2022 that helped families develop early literacy skills. The library online tutoring resource, HelpNow, had 1,370 sessions from July 2021-March 2022.

Staff will continue to work on the library enhancement project to provide additional interior and exterior space for the community. Staff will also work on providing programs and services that meet the needs of our patrons in person, virtually or outside the community. Staff are working with Public Works on installing the book Locker in late May or early June 2022.

After discussion, it was moved by Boardmember Wall and seconded by Boardmember Harvis to: receive and file **Library Strategic Plan Q2 2022 Progress Report**.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

RFS-1 Carey Vance, Library Manager

- New Youth Services Supervisor, Ginger Antunez, will start on May 9. She is coming from Azusa Public Library and has more than 20 years' experience in public libraries.
- The next Library Board meeting will be on May 26 and will be held in person with a welcome reception at the Monrovia Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
- The open recruitment of boards and commissions ends on May 2.
- Special meeting for Library Enhancement Project Update will be held on Monday, May 2 at 6:00 pm at the Monrovia Community Center.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

- LR-1** Vice President Carlson: The next meeting of the Monrovia Public Library Foundation will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 6 p.m.
- LR-2** Boardmember Harvis: Monrovia Historical Museum raised a total of \$2,500 during the annual yard sale.
- LR-3** President Thomas: The Monrovia Community Coordinating Council held a very successful meeting using the hybrid and in-person format.
- LR-4** Boardmember Wall: Monrovia Reads fundraising event will be held on Thursday, May 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel. Tickets have been sold out.
- LR-5** Boardmember Walters: Friends of Monrovia Public Library will hold its annual \$5 per bag book sale during the Monrovia Days event on Saturday, May 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.