

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD  
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

**CONVENE:** Vice President Ramos convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Library Manager, Carey Vance, Management Analyst, Julie Gallardo, Youth Services Supervisor, Ginger Antunez, Youth Librarian, Amanda Carey and Administrative Assistant Giana Marini.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Boardmember Woodford led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance: Boardmember Allen, Boardmember Carlson, Boardmember Woodford and Vice President Ramos. President Harvis Excused.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** was moved by Boardmember Carlson and seconded by Boardmember Allen. There were no objections and the motion was unanimously approved.

**CC-1** Unadopted Minutes of the August 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

**CC-2** Adult and Youth Services Program Report for September 2023

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB):** Oliver Sherman, a 12th grader at Loyola High School provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**AR-1 Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Evaluation** – Amanda Carey, Youth Librarian provided the Board with an evaluation of the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). The board was established in 2009 and serves grades 6th through 12th. Teen Advisory Board involvement allows students to gain leadership skills through program planning and volunteer opportunities within the City and library. There are currently 109 teen members that have contributed a total of 1,117 volunteer hours and saved the library \$16,755 in fiscal impact. Most of the members are made up of Monrovia High School (31). Teen Advisory Board (TAB) helped with outreach events such as the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association (MDBAA) for the Children’s Art Festival, Spring Egg Hunt, Arbor Day Presentation, Make a Difference Day, Thankful and Grateful Event and more. The teen volunteers helped with library events including Innovation Lab, Storytime Craft help, LEGO Club, Craft-tastic, hosting Teen Events and the Summer Reading Program. Teens enjoyed fun programs such as Laser Tag, teen crafts, and STEAM kits. The TAB meetings are the first Monday of each month and are led by the TAB Council. Meetings consist of community building, volunteer signups, idea sharing and guest speakers.

**After discussion,** it was moved by Boardmember Woodford and seconded by Boardmember Allen to: receive and file AR-1 Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Evaluation.

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## **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

### **RFS-1 Carey Vance, Library Manager**

- The annual Staff Learning Summit took place on September 7.
- The Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta will take place Saturday, September 30 at 10:30am in the Library Community Room. There will be Bilingual Storytime, dancers and crafts.

## **LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:**

**LR-1 President Harvis:** Excused.

**LR-2 Vice President Ramos:** No report.

**LR-3 Boardmember Nathan Allen:** Monrovia Reads Volunteers went to local preschools and conducted Grandparent Reading Day. Monrovia Reads will be placing Free Little Libraries in local laundry mats. Read Across Monrovia will take place on October 5. There will be a book distribution at Monroe on October 10.

**LR-4 Boardmember Carlson:** No report.

**LR-5 Boardmember Woodford:** The United States Daughters of 1812 have children books about the War of 1812 available for purchase and to be added to the library's collection. The Daughters of the American Colonists are hosting a patriotic education essay contest that is open for grades 5 through 12 and adults. The winners will receive either a 50 dollar or 100 dollar prize. The Daughters of the American Revolution offer recognition to volunteers who help Veterans.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.