

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD  
HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024**

**CONVENE:** President Harvis convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, June 27, 2024 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, Adult Services Supervisor, Kurt Gally, Youth Services Supervisor, Ginger Antunez, Management Analyst, Julie Gallardo, Library Associate, Cynthia Eschenfelder, Senior Administrative Assistant Miga Wang.

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

**CC-1** Unadopted Minutes of the May 23, 2024 Regular Meeting

**CC-2** Adult and Youth Services Program Report for June 2024

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB):** Olivia Huang, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Clifton Middle School provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**AR-1 Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program Annual Report FY 23-24** – Cynthia Eschenfelder, Library Associate provided the Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program Annual Report FY 23-24. The Monrovia Reads Van served 8,821 attendees during 153 visits at local schools and community events across Monrovia. Students and community members checked out 2,364 materials in English, Chinese and Spanish. This program had 34% increase in visits and 40% increase in attendees from 2022-2023 year. The goal of the program was to expand programming and services outside of the library and to inform the community about services and resources the library offers, while building ties with Monrovia Unified School District and local community organizations and businesses.

After discussion, it was moved by Vice President Ramos and seconded by Boardmember Woodford to: **receive and file AR-1 Monrovia Reads Mobile Literacy Program Annual Report FY 23-24.**

**CC-1**

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

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

- The Library introduced the new 'Library of Things' items, which include solar charging kits, hiking backpack kits, and iFixit kits. These items were provided by the State Library and will be available for patrons to borrow this summer.
- The Community Picnic event celebrating Veterans was held on Saturday, June 1. More than 275 people were entertained by music, food, face painting, park naturalists with live animals, and other activities.
- The Library was awarded a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) for Fiscal Year 24-25, which included \$42,000 dollars for Makerspace programs and \$24,000 dollars for Sustainability Kits. Grant funds will be used to purchase sewing machines, repair kits, a mobile kitchen, a 3D laser printer, and a sublimation printer. Programming to showcase our new collections will begin in the fall. The ordering process will start on July 1st, when the new fiscal year begins.
- The council has approved \$45,000 to modernize the library's furniture. The new furniture will feature built-in power inputs, USB ports, and arm tables.

## **LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:**

**LR-1 President Harvis:** The Monrovia Historical Museum continues to work on the Old House Exhibit.

**LR-2 Vice President Ramos:** The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library board will remain unchanged. The book sales during the Monrovia Days were very successful.

**LR-3 Boardmember Allen:** No report.

**LR-4 Boardmember Carlson:** Excused.

**LR-5 Boardmember Woodford:** No report.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.