

A regular meeting of the A. K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 in the Contemporary Club.

Present: Marty Davis, Rosa Gomez, Bill Hardy, Bill Hatfield and Kate Pretorius

Also present: Dennis Bell, general public; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist; Cheryl Graybill, Contemporary Club; Richard Graybill, general public; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; James Held, Contemporary Club Liaison; Les Kong, FOL President; Don McCue, Library Director; Toni Momberger, City Council Liaison via conference call

Bill Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Bill Hatfield opened up the meeting for public comment. Cheryl Graybill introduced the new Contemporary Club liaison James Held. He will be attending the board meetings from this point forward.

Marty Davis moved to approve the July 14, 2020 minutes and the August 2020 expenditures. Motion seconded by Kate Pretorius and carried unanimously.

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the July 2020 Discards. Motion seconded by Kate Pretorius and carried unanimously.

Les Kong started his report by complimenting the staff on their work with the Books to Go program. August 30 through September 2 the Friends of the Library will be holding a book sale in the Contemporary Club within city social distancing guidelines, including limiting capacity and separate entrance and exit. A silent auction will be staffed in the foyer. Donations are still temporarily halted with a few exceptions being handled by Les Kong. He reported that Neil Weiner presented his viewpoint regarding the 1% Sales Tax Initiative at the last FOL board meeting. The FOL decided to endorse the initiative for the November 2020 ballot.

During his Director Report, Don McCue addressed the following: the library is still waiting for direction and final approval from the city to reopen; the Children's Garden pagoda has been proposed to the city as the temporary entrance during COVID, after evaluating the area it needs better lighting, a camera and clean-up landscaping; questions about funding for COVID related items paid for the city have been posed, but have not yet received an answer; Family Day will be held virtually this year on October 10 with the theme and celebration surrounding the centennial of the Children's Room and a book giveaway; the fall library newsletter is being compiled and should be sent out by the end of August; the difference in statistics between the circulating materials count and the Books to Go count stemmed from the renewals both online and in Horizon not included with the Books to Go count; August was the first month the library was closed on Sunday and any scheduled events that occur on Sundays will be worked out by management for coverage; a presentation to Rotary by Don McCue and Nathan Gonzales resulted in the Rotary President John Tincher generously giving a donation to the library; topics need to be submitted for the August 28th workshop. The report concluded with the success of the online presentation of Resilient Redlands and Virtual Story Times.

Under New Business Bill Hatfield opened up the discussion to the approval of the Smiley Heritage Tours 2020/2021 budget. With field trips currently halted by the Redlands Unified School District, the group is considering doing a virtual version of the tour. Marty Davis motioned to approve the budget. Bill Hardy seconded and carried unanimously.

The second item under New Business was to provide free library cards to all Redlands' preschools during the duration of COVID restrictions. Rosa Gomez motioned to approve. Kate Pretorius seconded and carried unanimously.

After the library director had a discussion with the city attorney, it was agreed that the third New Business item regarding the November 2020 1% Sales Tax Measure be tabled.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.