A regular meeting of the A. K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 in the Contemporary Club.

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

Also present: Paul Barich, City Liaison; Dennis Bell, general public; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist/Curator; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Darlene Held, Contemporary Club; Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President; Steve Stockton, RHMA

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

Bill Hatfield opened up the meeting for public comment. Dennis Bell mentioned that Federal Holiday, Juneteenth, was missing from the list of library closures. There being no public comment, Bill Hatfield closed the public comment session.

Bill Hardy moved to keep the officers as they currently stand: Bill Hatfield as President, Rosa Gomez as Vice President, Bill Hardy as Secretary and Marty Davis as Treasurer. Kate Pretorius seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Marty Davis moved to approve the minutes for the December 14 meeting and the January expenditures. Kate Pretorius seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the December 2021 Discards. Motion seconded by Kate Pretorius and passed unanimously.

Before the Friends of the Library report, Ann McMahon and Treva Webster from the Redlands Community Foundation graciously presented the Library Board with a $2,000 check from the Community Impact Grant.

Rebecca McCurdy reported the following for the Friends of the Library: Adult Literacy received $12,000 in 2021; the calendar year ended with $16,000 in sales; the attendance for the December bag sale was markedly down from prior events; memberships continue to grow and currently at 769; Amazon sales were strong in December; volunteers have not been steady and this may be a potential concern.

Steve Stockton reported the following for the Redlands Historical Museum Association: subcontractor and contractor staffing has been affected by COVID; the City Manager and Assistant City Manager were recently given a tour of the museum and the date for completion continues to be end of March / beginning of April 2022.

As part of the Director’s Report Don McCue reported on the following: with the resignation of Paul Foster on the city council, a new member will be decided upon at the next city council meeting, this person will need to be brought up to speed on library needs and issues; discussion and preliminary planning for the lower level continue to take place; the MOU between the library and WLMA was provided by the city attorney; January programming includes two events on January 15 with Ben Jenkins presenting live and streaming on California’s Citrus Heritage in the morning and the viewing of Palm Springs Weekend in the afternoon; the bollards and chains for the cannon are waiting to be installed; and regarding the Shrine, the 90th Anniversary will not be a dinner, but rather an all outdoor reception and presentation instead and the Open House will be an outdoor program on Saturday, February 5, 2002 12 – 4pm.

No reportable action was taken in regards to COVID procedures.

A discussion about the Sheila M. Field Trust took place. The Library Board advised that the funds should be invested as part of their current investment strategy. Additional discussion will take place on how to allocate / spend the funds in the future.

The meeting adjourned to the closed session at 5:58 pm.

There was no reportable action taken during the closed session and adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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William Hardy, Secretary