MINUTES

A regular meeting of the A. K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Assembly Room
125 W. Vine Street on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Present: Bill Hatfield, President; Rosa Gomez, Vice President; Bill Hardy, Trustee and Kate Pretorius, Trustee
Also Present: Dennis Bell, general public; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist / Curator; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Darlene Held, Contemporary Club President; Andy Hoder, general public, Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President; Steve Stockton, RHMA President

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

Public Comment
Darlene Held reported their Toy Drive in collaboration with the Redlands Bowl was successful. The Club will be holding a Gala during their 130th anniversary in 2024.

Election of Officers
There being no further comment, Bill Hatfield continued the meeting. Bill Hardy moved to approve that Bill Hatfield continue as President, seconded by Kate Pretorius. After a roll call vote, it passed unanimously. Bill Hardy moved to approve that Rosa Gomez continue as Vice President, seconded by Kate Pretorius. After a roll call vote, it passed unanimously. Bill Hardy moved to approve that Marty Davis continue as Treasurer, seconded by Kate Pretorius. After a roll call vote, it passed unanimously. Rosa Gomez moved to approve that Bill Hardy continue as Secretary, seconded by Kate Pretorius. After a roll call vote, it passed unanimously.

Minutes & Expenditures
Rosa Gomez moved to approve the December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes and December Expenditures. The motion was seconded by Kate Pretorius. It was requested that the total funds raised at the 2022 Gala be included as part of the minutes rather than just the difference from 2018. The Board of Trustees, by roll call vote, approved the minutes and expenditures.

Discards
Bill Hardy moved to approve the December 2022 Discards, motion was seconded by Rosa Gomez, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved, by roll call vote.

Reports
General Friends of the Library Update, presented by Rebecca McCurdy, President:
• Through AmazonSmile $700 was designated to the FOL.
• Books sold to Discover Books totaled $800 for 2022.
• Year over year, membership is up 300 members.
• FOL is exploring joining the Redlands Chamber of Commerce.
• After speaking to Dave Jaffe, the FOL is going to start attending the city’s Saturday Community Market as a vendor.

General Redlands Historical Museum Association Update, Presented by Steve Stockton, President
• Construction has resumed on electrical, with the remaining items being shipped around the 3rd week in January.
• The Event Pavilion is almost complete.
• Rochford fundraising challenge has resulted in $1,400,000 to date.
• Event Pavilion turf to be installed by April.
• Coordination will need to take place between the Library and Alarm System for security of building.
Library Director’s Report
General Library Update, Presented by Don McCue, Library Director:

- In regards to infrastructure the boiler replacement is scheduled to take place this fiscal year, with a request to begin after the winter season; roofs throughout the three buildings have held up to storms with no leaks in the past three days; the city is looking into State funding for library landscaping with a focus on Vine Street.
- The city extended the Board of Trustee terms for Bill Hatfield and Kate Pretorius at the 12/20/2022 city council meeting.
- New Councilmember Mario Saucedo is scheduled to visit Smiley Library on 1/11.
- At the 2/7/2023 council meeting the new library liaison will be determined.
- The toll-free number for Zoom meetings is $40 per month. Smiley Library is requesting the city fund the cost.
- Upcoming programming was presented including musical concerts, computer classes, So Cal Film series, Shrine Open House and the Lincoln Dinner.
- A brief explanation was given of recent patrons who have objected to library materials, including Smiley Library’s stance on the collection policy and the response to these objections; 50 books were found hidden while doing some preventative maintenance which has resulted in doing more weekly surveillance in these areas.
- Andy Hoder commented that during the Redlands Community Resource Coalition he let them know about the Smiley Library’s Adult Literacy program and GED support. He also commented that there is a tree in the park that needs severe pruning.

Old Business
Discussion and possible action regarding Library’s Strategic Plan.

- Martín Gomez provided a proposal at $62,000 which included $15,000 specifically for fund raising. The subcommittee will meet about negotiating possible lower terms of the proposal. A request was made for Friends of the Library to be intimately involved in the process. Investigate other option in the meantime. The fundraising portion could possibly be handled / consulted by a local resource instead. This item to be included on the February 14, 2023 agenda.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Lower-Level Repurposing and California State Infrastructure Grant.

- The city Grant Coordinator provided a timeline. Phase 2 of the grant has not opened yet. This item to be included on the February 14, 2023 agenda.

Discussion and possible action regarding 2023 Library Closures.

- Bill Hardy moved to approve all closures presented. Kate Pretorius seconded the motion. After roll call vote, it passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding Trustee Handbook.

- No action taken. This item to be included on the February 14, 2023 agenda.

Discussion and possible action regarding library social media needs.

- Kate Pretorius moved to approve the hiring of Laura Bean as the new Social Media Consultant effective 2/1/2023. Bill Hardy seconded the motion and after roll call vote, it passed unanimously.

New Business
Discussion and possible action regarding the Museum of Redlands model and future exhibits and necessary interior infrastructure needs.
• Nathan Gonzales presented model / prototype of exhibits, all under negotiation, not set in stone. Special Collections is working through options and iterations. As part of public comment Andy Hoder stated he felt the historical timeline was the most important piece versus the local images of residents. He is very supportive of MOR. No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding review of year end fundraising.

• A suggestion to add a QR code for monetary donations to next year’s letter as well as possibly including non-monetary options like volunteering. No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding Loan of 2019.120.001, “Abraham Lincoln: On the Prairie”, sculpture by Anna Hyatt Huntington, to Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center, Christopher Newport University, Virginia, March 2024-November 2024.

• A request to know the value of the item for insurance purposes prior to it being loaned out, as well as it being transported securely. This will be good exposure for the Lincoln Shrine.
• Bill Hardy moved to approve the loan. Rosa Gomez seconded the motion and after roll call vote, it passed unanimously.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Bill Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 5:58pm.

The next regular meeting of the A.K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

William Hardy, Secretary