



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, February 14, 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; Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President; Steve Stockton, RHMA President

Bill Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Public Comment

Dennis Bell commented that he enjoyed the Shrine Open House, appreciates the new signage located in the Stacks and the various presentations built each month in the display case near Circulation. Lori Hatfield and Betsy Laudati from the Redlands Community Foundation presented the Smiley Library with a Recognition Grant of \$500 which was accepted by Bill Hatfield and Don McCue. Rosa Gomez arrived at the meeting during this time.

Minutes & Expenditures

There being no further comment, Bill Hatfield continued the meeting. Bill Hardy moved to approve the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes, January 30 special meeting minutes and January expenditures. The motion was seconded by Kate Pretorius. Bill Hardy asked a couple of questions regarding the purchase of reference books, including patron use of the World Book Encyclopedias and if the CA Judicial Forms could be accessed digitally instead. Don McCue will work with Principal Library Jenn Downey on these questions. The Board of Trustees, by roll call vote, approved the minutes and expenditures.

Discards

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the January 2023 Discards, motion was seconded by Kate Pretorius, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved, by roll call vote.

Reports

General Friends of the Library Update, presented by Rebecca McCurdy, President:

- The Friends are now a member of the Redlands Chamber of Commerce. A board member will be selected to attend meetings.
- The Lincoln Open House Bag sale raised \$250+ and the Bag Sale in the Bookstore during the same time raised over \$800, the best sale to date.
- The semi-annual book sale will take place March 17 – 19 in the Assembly Room.
- Financially they are doing very well, with a potential \$10,000 surplus this year.
- Friends will join the Saturday Market as an informational table only, as non-profits are unable to sell goods per city guidelines.

General Redlands Historical Museum Association Update, Presented by Steve Stockton, President

- Electrical components are being installed to power the Event Pavilion. The turf is scheduled to be installed in March.
- Exterior Signage is being reviewed and assistance from Smiley Library staff is requested.
- Redlands Bowl will be holding their Gala in the Event Pavilion on May 20.

Library Director's Report

General Library Update, Presented by Don McCue, Library Director:

- The Lincoln Dinner resulted in approximately 290 people attending. With the scheduled speaker unable to attend due to COVID, there will be a discussion if she should speak at the 2024 dinner or sooner at another to be scheduled event.

- At the city council meeting, AB 2449 was discussed which will end the COVID state of emergency Zoom meetings and return to pre-COVID Brown Act meeting requirements.
- Plans continue for the boiler replacement with the city. Concern was voiced about disruptions to library operations. Don will inquire to what extent this may be.
- Recent articles were presented regarding banned books / segregated books and the elimination of library overdue fines locally. The Board of Trustees has requested a discussion of overdue fines be included as an agenda item during the annual workshop.

Old Business

Discussion and possible action regarding Library's Strategic Plan.

- Kate Pretorius moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with mlgomez associates for the Strategic Plan. Rosa Gomez seconded the motion. Capital Projects funds will be used to fund the consultant. After roll call vote, it passed unanimously. A discussion regarding the selection of the Advisory Committee took place as this was included as part of the pre-planning phase of the consultant's agreement. Names of potential members will be provided to the board. Suggestions from the trustees will be given to library staff to consider.

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

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

Discussion and possible action regarding Trustee Handbook.

- No action taken.

New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding Trustee Annual Workshop dates.

- Jenesie Hardyman to provide possible dates starting in April for the Contemporary Club. No action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Bill Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

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

William Hardy, Secretary