



MINUTES

A regular meeting of the A. K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Assembly Room at 125 W. Vine Street on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:00pm.

Present: Bill Hatfield, President; Rosa Gomez, Vice President; Marty Davis, Trustee; and Bill Hardy, Trustee

Absent: Kate Pretorius, Trustee

Also Present: Dennis Bell, general public; Char Burgess, RHMA Board President; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist/Curator; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President; and Mark Shaw, City Council Liaison

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

Public Comment

There being no public comment, Bill Hatfield continued the meeting.

Minutes, Expenditures & Discards

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the February 11 meeting minutes. Marty Davis seconded the motion, with a correction to his name under the "Election of Officers." The motion passed unanimously.

Marty Davis moved to approve the February 2025 expenditures. Rosa Gomez seconded the motion. Jenesie Hardyman noted that the total programming budget amount was incorrect and should be \$101,550. The motion passed unanimously.

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the February 2025 discards. Marty Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the March 3, 2025 special board meeting minutes. Bill Hardy seconded the motion. As Marty Davis did not attend the meeting he abstained. The motion passed.

Reports

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

- The Friends has seen a 40% growth, including an increase in their investments and to Adult Literacy;
- Operation Book Support is reviewing potential books to sell;
- Tracy Wise's book launch on February 26 was successful with 50 attendees;
- Bob Toister and Kathryn Brown attended a non-profit meeting that discussed items such as reviewing procedures, by-laws, onboarding new members, etc.;
- Membership has increased to 876;
- The three-day sale in March was very successful with about \$1,800 in sales.

General Redlands Historical Museum Association Update, Presented by Char Burgess, RHMA Board President

- Outstanding punch list items for the building are still ongoing;
- Museum Store
 - Inventory is being purchased;
 - Point of Sale system to come online soon;
 - The subcommittee is looking at ways to open store more than 24 hours per week (currently proposed museum operating hours);
- There have been lots of requests to rent the Event Pavilion already, however, none have been confirmed as procedures and the transfer / license agreements are still outstanding;
- Last minute infrastructure issues are still being finalized.

Library Director's Report, presented by Don McCue, Library Director

- Personnel

- PT Literacy Assistant position is open and taking applications, interviews scheduled for 3/27;
- City of Redlands is conducting a Classification and Compensation Study for all city positions with a paid consultant;
 - Per Mark Shaw there may be results by Fall 2025 (3rd Quarter);
- Infrastructure
 - Lift Tech, the proposed vendor for the elevator renovations, is slated to be approved at the April City Council meeting;
 - A request to include termite tenting for one time infrastructure funding was not approved to be included mid-year review;
 - Rosa Gomez inquired about repairs to termite damage, which are still to be completed, include damage to window framing in the Conservatory, Gallery hallway and other parts of the library;
 - Other items still pending with the city include the replacement of the Contemporary Club entrance doors (not budgeted) and replacement of tile flooring throughout the library (included in bi-ennium budget);
 - New, larger signage have been installed on the Vine Street entrance doors and the step has been repainted yellow;
- Programming for March includes CA Film – LA Story, Smiley brother’s birthday program, Smiley LIVE! CRAiC HAUS concert, Spinet Pianos Plus program, college student Civil War Research Symposium, Inklings Around the World, Teen Underground Spring Break T-Shirt making party and Spanish Story time;
- Other items noted are the March 18 City Council meeting with the annual presentation given by Bill Hatfield and Library Days taking place on Saturday, May 10.

New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding Lincoln Season / Dinner.

- Nathan Gonzales presented the newest exhibit “Slavery in America” funded by a grant by the DeMoon family and provided an overview of the various events that took place between February 1 and February 12;
- No action taken.

Old Business

Discussion and possible action regarding Museum of Redlands.

- Nathan Gonzales presented an update of exhibits installed to date;
- Don McCue noted that the city may discuss the Transfer Agreement in closed session at the March 18 council meeting;
- Marty Davis inquired about the review of the April 2022 MOU between the RHMA and the library to ensure it was being discussed as part of the Transfer/License agreements;
- The review of the Transfer Agreement is still set to take place at the April 15 city council meeting;
- No action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Bill Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 6:07pm.

The next regular meeting of the A.K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

William Hardy, Secretary