A regular meeting of the A. K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Assembly Room.

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

Also Present: Dennis Bell, general public; Mick Gallagher, City Liaison; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist; Jenesie Hardman, Management Analyst; Darlene Held, Contemporary Club; Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President; Steve Stockton, RHMA President

Bill Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Bill Hatfield opened up the meeting for public comment. There being no public comment, he continued the meeting.

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the February Minutes and March Expenditures. Motion seconded by Kate Pretorius. A request to correct the number of Redlands Historical Museum Association board members and the punctuation of Don McCue’s name was made. The motion was carried unanimously with the corrections.

Kate Pretorius moved to approve the February 2022 Discards. Motion seconded by Bill Hardy and carried unanimously.

Rebecca McCurdy reported that the FOL is working on strategies and volunteer suggestions for the bag sales. She inquired when accepting donations would resume, but there is no estimated time of repair for the elevator at this time.

Steve Stockton reported that construction is on-going with the Museum of Redlands with landscaping installed and punch list being sent; a $1,000,000 grant is being considered by the city for the MOR; the Capital Campaign Committee is brainstorming to find funding for the final phase of the building, Dennis Bell suggested researching potential grants that may be available through the state; tours of the building continue. Another tour with the Board of Trustees is scheduled prior to the next board meeting at 4:30pm, Tuesday, April 12.

As part of his report Don McCue reported on the following: the elevator has been out of service for almost four weeks and counting, we are still unable to take book and material donations and have not received a date from the city when repairs will commence; in the Stacks Wing, a low level of asbestos was detected in the ceiling, the city is working with an environmental firm to abate, however, repairs to the roof need to be completed first so additional damage doesn’t occur from rainwater; Don presented the options provided by the architectural firm regarding the lower level repurposing project; for the CA Infrastructure Grant matching funds will be needed; per the city’s Grant Administrator Durazo is suggesting that the elevator repair / replacement be included as part of our safety concerns; the architect has also noted that the current fire curtain in that location may need to be replaced as part of upgrades to the fire / ADA code; the grant application is due March 21.

Live programming is increasing exponentially in March, Library Days is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 and the Summer Reading and Feeding Program is being planned and dates / locations reserved.

During new business, no action was taken regarding COVID procedures.

Discussion regarding National Library Workers Day included possible options to celebrate the Library Staff, with the Board choosing to provide a lunch with the staff on Tuesday, April 5 between 12 – 2pm.

No reportable action was taken regarding the Assembly Room Usage policy. This discussion and possible action will continue during the April 12, 2022 library board meeting

Bill Hatfield adjourned the meeting to the closed session at 6:19pm.

During the closed session, the board has requested the Library Director work with the RHMA on expediting the Memorandum of Understanding. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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William Hardy, Secretary