



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 12, 2024 at 4:30pm.

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

Also Present: Paul Barich, City Council Liaison; Buddy Bearman, TIAA Kaspick; Dennis Bell, general public; Larry Burgess, WLMA Board Member; Phil Doolittle, WLMA Board Member; Kathy Feeley, WLMA Vice President; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist / Curator; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Matt Jordan, WLMA Board Member; Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President; Steve Stockton, RHMA Board President and Chris Walker, WLMA President

Bill Hatfield called the joint AKSPL and WLMA meeting to order at 4:31pm.

Public Comment

Bill Hatfield opened the meeting for public comment. Dennis Bell commented on the lack of heat in the building and that it was extremely cold. There being no further comment, Bill Hatfield continued the meeting.

Minutes & Expenditures

Marty Davis moved to approve the February 13 meeting minutes and February expenditures. The motion was seconded by Kate Pretorius. The motion passed unanimously.

Endowment Performance Review

At 4:38pm, after some technical difficulties, Buddy Bearman with TIAA Kaspick provided an annual presentation via Zoom of both the AKSPL and WLMA Annual Endowments. At 5:07pm, the conclusion of the presentation, the WLMA adjourned their portion of the meeting.

Discards

Marty Davis moved to approve the February 2024 discards, motion was seconded by Kate Pretorius and passed unanimously.

Reports

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

- Memberships are currently at 799, down 70 year over year, with suggestions on how to increase membership ongoing;
- The installation of the donation bin is still being reviewed along with the potential for a mobile library;
- \$300 was made at the event on Saturday, March 9 at the Contemporary Club featuring Erica Alfaro;
- A craft project for Earth Day utilizing old / used CDs is in the works;
- The Friends are collaborating with the Smiley Heritage Tours to accept funds / grant on their behalf from the Jack H. Brown Foundation.

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

- The \$1 million loan to the RHMA from the City of Redlands was approved at the March 5 city council meeting;
- With this development the new estimated date of completion of the building is late October 2024;
- Work continues on finalizing the documentation for the \$2 million state grant accepted by the City of Redlands on the RHMA's behalf.

New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding Museum of Redlands / City of Redlands Grant.

- Don McCue, Steve Stockton and Selina Sanchez, City of Redlands Grant Coordinator continue to work on completing the requested documentation from the Natural Resources Agency;
- No action taken.

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

- Infrastructure
 - The Boiler is still pending completion;
 - Elevator is still being planned; no start date set yet;
 - Repair from the damage sustained during the recent rain storms are ongoing.
- Personnel
 - Filling the vacant Sr. Admin Assistant position for Special Collections is still ongoing.
- City Budget
 - Don had a meeting this morning with the city regarding the Personnel requests for the FY 2024/2025;
 - The City of Redlands FY 2024/2025 & 2025/2026 budget is due April 2;
 - Rosa Gomez and Marty Davis will form a sub-committee to review the proposed budget by March 26, 2024;
 - Lower Level and Termites will be included in the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- The Library's Annual Report to the City Council will be presented at the March 19 Council Meeting.
- Don presented the various programming scheduled throughout the month of March.

New Business Continued

Discussion and possible action regarding the Cox Estate.

- Kate Pretorius will review the email sent by Phil Livoni. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding annual Workshop Date.

- Wednesday, June 26 at 8:30am in the Contemporary Club was selected as the 2024 workshop date.

Old Business

Discussion and possible action regarding offsite storage solutions.

- No action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Bill Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.

The next regular meeting of the A.K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

William Hardy, Secretary