



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, April 8, 2025 at 5:00pm.

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; Dennis Bell, general public; Char Burgess, RHMA Board President; Katherine Gifford, Volunteer; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist/Curator; Conrad Guzkowski, general public; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Martha Kennedy, Volunteer; Renee Kennedy, Volunteer; Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President; and Diane Shimota, Adult Literacy Coordinator

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

Kate Pretorius moved to approve the March 11 meeting minutes. Rosa Gomez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Marty Davis moved to approve the March 2025 expenditures. Rosa Gomez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the March 2025 discards. Kate Pretorius seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reports

Literacy Update, presented by Diane Shimota, Adult Literacy Coordinator

- Diane opened the presentation with gratitude for the board's support of the literacy program;
- Lugonia Elementary's principal reached out to Diane to setup a program to provide;
 - Reading and writing skills to non-English speaking parents of Lugonia students;
 - Workshops between these parents and students with our Literacy Volunteers;
- This program is the first of its kind in California and they are very excited about it.

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

- Two new board members, Doug Peltz and Sarah Osborne, will be joining in June;
- Bob Garcia is returning to the board;
- Current figures for the Friends are 813 members, 31 volunteers and 18 board members;
- Bob Toister and Les Kong are working on a code of conduct;
- FOL will have a presence at Library Days on Sat. 5/10, specifics to be determined.

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

- Signage and other small issues continue to be addressed prior to Transfer;
- RHMA will be hosting a Chamber Mixer that will showcase the Museum Store on Thu. 4/17 at 5pm, with all Trustees invited to attend;
- They continue to work through details regarding the Event Pavilion, including pricing and rentals;
- Grand Opening Gala is being planned sometime in the Fall once a confirmed opening date is provided by Library Staff.

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

- Personnel
 - PT Literacy Assistant position has been offered to Renee Kennedy, pending a start date;
- Infrastructure

- Lift Tech, the proposed vendor for the elevator renovations, is slated to be approved at the 4/15 City Council meeting with an install date still pending;
- Facilities and Community Services provided Don with a quote of \$64,000 for termite tenting, however the funding source still needs to be confirmed;
- 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);
- At the 4/15 City Council Meeting, an ad hoc subcommittee will be reviewing the various boards and commissions throughout the city;
- Programming for April includes CA Film – Fast Times at Ridgemont High, Smiley LIVE! flute concert and the return of Janet Klein, a couple of Teen Underground events, a scam workshop, Spanish Story times on Fridays and a three part special education workshop starting Fri. 4/18 in collaboration with SEPTA;
- With the presidential administration cuts for Institute of Museum and Library Services (ILMS) funding, various services are being affected including California State grant monies for Summer Reading Programs, numerous areas of the Literacy Program and free New York Times access, with other impacts still unknown.

New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding Beverly Cox Trust.

- Marty Davis moved to notify Phil Livoni in writing that the board agrees to his “alternate proposal” noted in his March 22, 2025 letter updating the board on the Beverly Cox Estate. Rosa Gomez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Kate Pretorius will write the agreement to send to Phil Livoni.

Old Business

Discussion and possible action regarding Museum of Redlands (MOR).

- Transfer Agreement is still pending approval, as the item has been removed from the April 15 city council meeting date, and may be discussed at the 5/20 city council meeting;
- Chris Boatman, Assistant City Manager, will review the draft agreement with Bill Hardy and Bill Hatfield on Wed. 4/9;
- License Agreement will be the next step to be negotiated between the City of Redlands, the RHMA and Smiley Library Board;
- Bill Hardy moved to approve the transfer of \$80,000 from the Capital Fund to pay for MOR Phase 4 purchases. Rosa Gomez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Bill Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 6:13pm.

The next regular meeting of the A.K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

William Hardy, Secretary