



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, May 13, 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; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist/Curator; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Don McCue, Library Director; and Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President

Bill Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Public Comment

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

Minutes, Expenditures & Discards

Rosa Gomez moved to approve the April 8 meeting minutes. Marty Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

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

Reports

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

- The “Buy One Get One” promotion was not very successful;
- FOL will be participating in the Art in the Park over Memorial Day Weekend;
- Les Kong, incoming FOL President, will attend the June Library Board meeting with Rebecca;
- Their annual meeting is on Sunday, June 1, with Don McCue and Katie Montemayor as the speakers.

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

- The design and installation are almost complete;
- The Mother’s Day pop-up sale in the Museum Store brought in \$3,000;
- Requests to rent the Event Pavilion continue, however, the RHMA is waiting to proceed until they can review the current Smiley Library rental policies and the licensing agreement with the city is approved;
- Char will not be able to attend next month’s meeting and Tim Rochford may attend in her place.

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

- Library Days
 - Don reported on the various activities that took place with a turnout of at least 850 people, including Jack and Laura Dangermond;
 - The reception the night before had a good amount of our core donors;
- Infrastructure:
 - Elevator renovation is still pending a start date with Lift Tech;
 - Tile replacement near elevator and down hallway to restrooms is pending tile selection;
 - The city has approved funds for the termite tenting;
 - The Contemporary Club main entrance doors are still pending funding;

- As part of the city bi-ennium budget, Smiley Library has also requested funding for touchless faucets in the restrooms and water bottling filling stations;
- Don reported on the various programming taking place including Virtual Reality, Writers Club and a Teen Art Gallery in the Teen Underground, the second installment of the Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) movie, two more Smiley LIVE! events, Paul Olives and Mike Penny, as well as the start of the Summer Reading Program on 6/10;
- He will be attending the Serving with a Purpose conference on 5/15 at the Ontario Convention Center;
- State Funding for various programs:
 - The Literacy Program funded through California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) has increased due to their number of participants/volunteers;
 - Summer Reading Program funding will continue;
- \$400,000 was donated from the Sheila Field fund / estate, with a final installment pending;
- Kate Pretorius provided an update on the Beverly Cox estate, stating the condo will be going on the market.

New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding 2025 Workshop Dates.

- Dates will be sent as a poll via email to board and staff.
- The workshop is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Event Pavilion in the Museum of Redlands at 1 Center Street.

Discussion and possible action regarding 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Spending Rate.

- Marty Davis moved to approve a 3.25% spending rate. Bill Hardy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

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

- Transfer Agreement is still pending approval, this is on the June 3 City Council meeting as a closed agenda item and new business item;
- Bill Hardy moved to approve the transfer of \$200,000 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 6:12pm.

The next regular meeting of the A.K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

William Hardy, Secretary