A regular meeting of the A. K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Assembly Room.

Present: Marty Davis, Bill Hardy, and Kate Pretorius

Also Present: Dennis Bell, general public; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Darlene Held, Contemporary Club President; Pamela Martinez, Youth Services Librarian; Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President Steve Stockton, RHMA President

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

Bill Hardy opened up the meeting for public comment. Darlene Held stated the District Summer Conference is taking place on Saturday, August 6 and would need access to the parking lot Friday evening through Saturday. There being no further public comment, he continued the meeting.

Marty Davis moved to approve the April 12, April 19 and April 21 Minutes. Motion seconded by Kate Pretorius. Changes were requested to the April 21 minutes to read, “Smiley Library gifting take place by May 1” on the third paragraph. The motion carried unanimously.

Kate Pretorius moved to approve the May Expenditures and seconded by Marty Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

Marty Davis moved to approve the April 2022 Discards. Motion seconded by Kate Pretorius and carried unanimously.

Rebecca McCurdy reported that the Friends of the Library continue to increase their membership, with levels up from a year ago, but not quite to pre-pandemic levels. They are averaging approximately $3000 a month in revenues from all sources. Current bookstore operating hours are being reviewed, as Wednesday is a very slow day. The Friends will be participating in Art in the Park. Credit Card training is ongoing, with completion, hopefully, by the end of June. Some volunteers were lost last month, which included some sorters. Two board members are retiring this year. Their annual meeting, which takes the place of the monthly board meeting, is on Sunday, June 12 from 3:30 – 5:00pm.

Steve Stockton reported the contractor is set to demobilize by the end of June. Supply problems continue, especially with electrical gear. It should be available by October, with installation taking place in December. Because of landscape issues regarding the sod, its installation is being postponed until the fall. Discussions about signage are currently taking place. 130 donor pavers have been sold to date. The skylights should be arriving in seven to ten days.

Prior to the Director’s report, Pamela Martinez presented this year’s Summer Reading and Feeding Program. Kick-off is June 14. This year the performers, except for one with a prior engagement, will be performing twice, once at 10am in the park and again at 2pm in the Contemporary Club. The reading challenge this year is number of pages read between the kids vs the teens/adults. Redlands Unified School District will be providing lunch between the shows. This will be our third year using Beanstack, a digital tracking system. She also mentioned that field trips have resumed, with Franklin Elementary and McKinley Elementary, being the first.

Don McCue started his report with the fiscal two year budget for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 with the city is ongoing. May 25 is the next city meeting. Matching funds for the potential State Infrastructure Grant have been included. The Shrine Support line item was reduced to $45,000 for FY 2022/2023 and eliminated for FY 2023/2024. The city will not vote on the budget until June.

Moving on to programming, he went over the various events that will take place during Library Days on Saturday, May 14 including the In-N-Out Truck, Nicho’s Ice Cream, Arena Red, a local band, will play and various games throughout the park. Paul Stein, a violinist, is performing tonight in the Contemporary Club. Two out of three intermediate computer classes have already taken place this month.

We are awaiting a finding from City Attorney, Dan McHugh, regarding the Crivello-Smith donation.
Bill Hatfield will presenting the Annual Report to the city on Tuesday, May 17.

For the Festival of Arts, during Memorial Day Weekend, the Lincoln Shrine will be open Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29 from 10am – 5pm. The Friends of the Library will be holding a book sale on Saturday, May 28 at the event.

During new business, there was a discussion regarding the fiscal year 2022/2023 spending rate. With the current volatile fiscal environment and diminished returns on investment, Marty Davis moved to approve a spending rate of 3.25%. Kate Pretorius seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bill Hardy adjourned the meeting to the closed session at 5:55pm.

During the closed session, no reportable action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

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William Hardy, Secretary