



MINUTES

A regular meeting of the A. K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees was held at the Assembly Room on 125 West Vine Street on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 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 Liaison; Dennis Bell, general public; Nathan Gonzales, Archivist / Curator; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Darlene Held, Contemporary Club President; Aiko Howo, Contemporary Club Treasurer; Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President; and Steve Stockton, RHMA Board President

Bill Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public Comment

Darlene Held introduced the new Contemporary Club liaison for future library board meetings, Aiko Howo. Darlene is requesting a phone line in the kitchen. We may need to ask the city for assistance with this request. She also wanted to publicly thank Jason Topor for his assistance with the phone line in the office.

Minutes & Expenditures

There being no further comment, Bill Hatfield continued the meeting. Marty Davis moved to approve the April 11 meeting minutes and April expenditures. The motion was seconded by Rosa Gomez and passed unanimously.

Discards

Marty Davis moved to approve the April 2023 discards, motion was seconded by Kate Pretorius and passed unanimously.

Reports

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

- Book donations have declined.
- 300 books were donated during the Earth Day event.
- The FOL will be holding a sale on Sunday, May 28 in conjunction with Art in the Park.
- Memberships are now at 898.

General Redlands Historical Museum Association Update, Presented by Bill Emmerson, RHMA member

- Phase Two cost quote was obtained, as the last quote was from three years ago. Some items may need to be deferred and others may need to be eliminated.
- Fundraising for pavers continues. The “Founder’s Wall” was set up for donors giving \$25,000 or more.
- There are power / generator issues for the upcoming Redlands Bowl Gala as well as internet needs.
- Artificial Turf to be installed on Wednesday, May 10 by Forever Lawn in San Diego.

Library Director’s Report

General Library Update, Presented by Don McCue, Library Director:

- He started his report with a nice thank you from Redlands High School for the books for the book club with Kristina Naftzger.
- The city council provided a proclamation for the 125-year anniversary of the library.
- Library Day reception and main event were very successful.
- In regards to infrastructure:
 - The search for a vendor to install the turf in the Children’s Garden continues.
 - The Contemporary Club parking lot line painting was completed by the city.
 - The parapet repair on the Contemporary Club roof is complete.

- Roof leaks at the Contemporary Club are complete.
- The Library Boiler is pending approval of the contractor by the city. It is currently inoperable.
- There have been no status updates on the staff lounge / kitchen upgrades
- Staffing vacancies include Principal Librarian with dates for first interview scheduled, Sr. Administrative Assistant and Part-Time Library Clerk.
- The city's mid-biennium budget review has been postponed until bargaining unit contracts are approved.

Old Business

Discussion and possible action regarding Library's Strategic Plan.

- Focus Groups took place on May 1 and 2. Preliminary findings will be discussed at the May 19th Board Workshop. A Strategic Plan Goal Setting Workshop is scheduled for May 30 with the Advisory Committee. The final meeting will take place in person on Tuesday, July 11. No action was taken. This item to be included on the June 13, 2023 agenda.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Lower-Level Revive and California State Infrastructure Grant.

- Phase 2 application is due May 18. No action was taken.

New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding endowment spending rate for FY 2023/2024.

- There was a brief discussion about possible needs. Marty Davis moved to approve a 3% spending rate. Kate Pretorius seconded the motion. The motion passed with Rosa Gomez opposing.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Bill Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 6:02pm.

The next regular meeting of the A.K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

William Hardy, Secretary