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 14, 2024 at 5:00pm.

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

Also Present: Terri Bailey, Incoming Contemporary Club Trustee; Paul Barich, City Council Liaison; Dennis Bell, general public; Jenesie Hardman, Management Analyst; Darlene Held, Contemporary Club President; Don McCue, Library Director; Rebecca McCurdy, FOL President; and Steve Stockton, RHMA Board President

Rosa Gomez called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public Comment

Rosa Gomez opened the meeting for public comment. Darlene Held presented a $5,000.00 donation to the library suggesting its use for new chairs or a dance floor. She then introduced Terry Bailey the incoming Contemporary Club Trustee. There being no further comment, Rosa Gomez continued the meeting.

Minutes & Expenditures

Marty Davis moved to approve the April 9 meeting minutes and April expenditures. The motion was seconded by Kate Pretorius. The motion passed unanimously.

Discards

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

Reports

General Friends of the Library Update, presented by Rebecca McCurdy, President:
- From June – June 5,657 volunteer hours have been contributed by FOL members;
- FOL Annual meeting is on Sunday, June 2, with Nathan Gonzales as the guest speaker;
- FOL has spent $75,910 of their fiscal year budget through April;
- She noted that at the last FOL Board Meeting, Treasurer Chris Hans presented the FOL will provide 5% of their annual return to be used by the Smiley Library for the next fiscal year;
- Memberships are down;
- Earth Day event had a good turnout and a fun craft provided for attendees to use old CDs;
- Community Center Little Library continues to be very popular;
- FOL will be selling books at the upcoming Art in the Park event over Memorial Day;
- She thanked Don McCue for including the FOL at the table purchased by the Smiley Library for the Serving with a Purpose Conference on May 22, 2024.

General Redlands Historical Museum Association Update, Presented by Steve Stockton, RHMA Board President
- Construction is ongoing with all areas of the build (HVAC, plumbing, fire/life/safety, etc.) taking place simultaneously;
- Building is on track for major construction to be completed by 10/16/2024 and the punch list addressed before the end of 2024;
- The paperwork for the $2 million grant from the CRNA is complete and was approved by the Redlands City Council at the May 7 meeting;
- Paul Barich asked how much the building cost, with Steve answering between $25 - $27 million.

Library Director's Report, presented by Don McCue, Library Director
- Infrastructure
  - The Boiler is still pending the installation of two regulators by So Cal Gas;
Elevator replacement is still in the design phase with potential ADA issues that will need to be addressed as part of the upgrade;

- Don presented on the various programming taking place in May.
- Parking may become an issue when the Joslyn Senior Center reopens in June/July;
- Acknowledgements:
  - A thank you letter from the Redlands High School Asian Student Union and Book Club for the books donated by the Smiley Library;
  - A certificate of appreciation was given for National Library Week by the City of Redlands at a City Council meeting in April;
  - Assembly Member Ramos provided a certificate of recognition at Library Days.

New Business
Discussion and possible action regarding Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Spending Rate.

- After a discussion and suggestion to provide the budget prior to confirming the spending rate, Marty Davis moved to approve a 3.25% spending rate. Kate Pretorius seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding Lost or Unattended Property Policy.

- After a brief discussion, the board asked Library Director Don McCue to contact the City Attorney to review and consult on the wording of the policy. This item to continue on the June 11, 2024 meeting.

Old Business
Discussion and possible action regarding City of Redlands FY 24/25 & 25/26 Budget.

- No action was taken.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Marty Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:04pm.

The next regular meeting of the A.K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

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William Hardy, Secretary