

A regular meeting of the A. K. Smiley Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in the Contemporary Club.

Present: Marty Davis, Bill Hardy, Bill Hatfield, Kate Pretorius, Rosa Gomez (via telephone)

Also present: Nathan Gonzales, Archivist; Cheryl Graybill, Contemporary Club Liaison; Richard Graybill, general public; Jenesie Hardyman, Management Analyst; Les Kong, FOL President; Don McCue, Library Director

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

Bill Hatfield opened up the meeting for public comment. Cheryl Graybill reported that the Contemporary Club will be holding elections. She also stated that she will no longer be on the Board of Trustees, but will continue to come to Library Board Meetings until another Contemporary Club replacement is found to attend. She asked when the library will reopen to the public, to which Don McCue responded once state and city guidelines allow for it.

Marty Davis moved to approve the March 2020 minutes and the March/April 2020 expenditures. Motion seconded by Kate Pretorius and carried unanimously.

Kate Pretorius moved to approve the March/April 2020 Discards. Motion seconded by Marty Davis and carried unanimously.

The FOL President reported that the FOL will meet via Zoom next week to discuss their budget and ways to help the library. The termite treatment for the basement area utilized by the FOL to be rescheduled once the FOL are able to move the books and items. Jenesie Hardyman and Les Kong will work on a day to accomplish this and to setup the appointment with Craig and Sons for treatment.

During his Director Report, Don McCue addressed the following: at the City Council meeting earlier that morning there was a strong outpouring of community support for the library against the proposed city budget cuts, the meeting would reconvene later that evening at 7:00pm with more information to follow from the Director on the outcome of that meeting; Nathan Gonzales exhibited the tile samples received for the Stillman Bench restoration, date to be determined on when restoration to take place; the Heritage Basement shelving project is on currently on schedule to start on June 1. Don McCue continued his report on the success of the Books to Go program with almost all appointment slots being filled each day by patrons picking up their reserved items; many patrons provided emotional appreciation for the program to library staff upon picking up their items; Marty Davis expressed his delight with the increases to eServices provided by the library, including eBooks and online subscriptions.

Under New Business Bill Hatfield recessed the board meeting at 5:25pm to a closed session for the discussion and possible action regarding personnel matters.

At 6:14pm the meeting reconvened. The board provided direction to the Library Director regarding personnel cuts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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William Hardy, Secretary