

FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 6, 2014

AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

Mission: To connect our diverse community with information resources to promote reading and lifelong learning

Linda Bryant called the meeting to order at noon. Present were Linda Bryant, presiding; Kathy Bork, Karen Boyd, Paige Delaney, Kathy Donnell, Betty Fitzgerald, Jana Long, Pat McCall, and Don Wetterauer.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the April 8, 2014, meeting be approved as amended (date of next meeting was corrected to May 6, 2014). The motion passed unanimously.

APL Director's Report

- The Friends were thanked for the staff appreciation luncheon in April.
- We are at 35% of what should have been raised by this point in the year to meet budget goals.
- APL has entered a partnership with AISD to seek a grant from the Family Leadership Institute. If the program is funded, there will be 10 workshops for 25 parents during the 2014–2015 school year to help those parents develop leadership skills that will teach them ways to be better role models for their children. APL would supply coffee, snacks, bag lunches, and volunteer daycare if needed.
- APL is seeing good savings in electricity bills since the solar panels were installed.
- A weekly Spanish conversation group will begin May 14, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. There are only 5 spots available.
- The Trailblazer Bus program on June 12 needs volunteers.

Financial Report

- Don Wetterauer presented the April financial report, which appears at the end of these minutes. Re-Reads income is gradually increasing but is still below what is needed to meet the library board's budget goal for the store.

Re-Reads Report

- Linda Bryant reported that Allan Delaney has made new shelves and shelf pegs for Re-Reads, which will allow more efficient shelving. A new computer-assisted-design map of the store has been prepared to help customers find their areas of interest.
- There is a backlog of donated materials to be entered in the Re-Reads inventory program because efforts have been concentrated on the rare and interesting book inventory. The general inventory should go live in the next month.

Membership Report

- Kathy Bork reported that we currently have 63 members. Stacey Kohl, the new circulation assistant, will work on ways to increase membership.

Unfinished Business

- The rare and interesting book sale was postponed because volunteers were unable to get materials ready for the scheduled sale date and because it was determined that the market in the Alpine area would not be optimal for best sales, and ads in metropolitan newspapers would cost so much that proceeds would be negatively affected. An inventory of all materials, including a description of condition and the estimated value of materials, has been prepared, and Texas members of the American Booksellers Association will be contacted and sent a copy of the inventory. If this effort is unsuccessful, we will hold a traditional book sale with remaining materials in the fall.
- Gwynne Jamieson will have a table in the lobby of the library the week of May 27 to tell patrons about the United through Reading effort.

New Business

- In an effort to make up the budget shortfall, the library board is looking at smaller-scale fund-raising efforts throughout the year in addition to the last Silent Auction held in conjunction with Art Walk in November. The garage sale in April netted around \$1,000, and a regular "Hump Day" lunch will begin May 21 on one Wednesday a month. Board members will cook and serve lunch in the AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room. The Friends are asked to provide 6 cakes for each Hump Day lunch (*May 21: Kathy Bork, Kathy Donnell, Jana Long, Pat McCall, Betty Fitzgerald, Karen Boyd*). Price of the lunch will be \$6.00. The first Hump Day lunch will be preceded by a Pampered Chef party set up in the Multipurpose Room on May 20 in the evening and continuing through the lunch. The library will receive a portion of the proceeds in cash rather than merchandise.
- Re-Reads' 10th Anniversary Party will be held in the bookstore on June 14 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will serve cookies and bottled water, and all patrons will receive a coupon for a regular-priced paperback. Friends are being asked to contribute 2 dozen cookies each for the event.

The next meeting of the Friends will be July 8.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Bork, secretary

**Friends of the Alpine Public Library
April 2014**

Income

Friends memberships	\$ 25.00
Friends donations	\$ 75.00
Better World Books	\$ 190.92
ReReads Bookstore (see detail below)	\$1,350.25
ReReads donation jar	\$ 75.00
Total Income	\$1,716.17

Expenses

Coffee	\$ 60.00
Bookshelf materials	\$ 48.46
Total Expense	\$ 108.46

Net Income **\$1,607.71**

ReReads Bookstore Taxable sales	\$1,086.05
ReReads non-taxable sales (coffee, pecans)	\$ 264.20
ReReads total sales	\$1,350.25
ReReads sales tax collected	\$(89.67)
ReReads Net	\$1,260.58

April patron count: 1,066 total

April average: 44 patrons/day