

Alpine Public Library, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2015

6:00 p.m.

AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

Mission: The Alpine Public Library connects our diverse and geographically remote communities with information resources to encourage literacy and promote lifelong learning.

Vision: The Alpine Public Library envisions a future in which individuals and families are engaged, lifelong learners.

Members Present: Linda Bryant, Don Wetterauer, Luc Novovitch, Jon Roe, Margaret Matthews, Jim Glendinning, Chuck Newcomer, Kathy Donnell, Kathy Bork, and Pat McCall. Filemon Zamora, Excused absence. Julian Gonzales, Unexcused absence

- I. Meeting was called to order by Linda Bryant, President, at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Introduction of Guests and announcements: There were no guests or announcements.
- III. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Motion, C. Newcomer, second, M. Matthews, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.
- IV. Reports
 - a. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee did not meet and there is no report.
 - b. Board Development Committee: The Board Development Committee has not met, but will need to meet in the near future to see about replacing members leaving at the end of their terms. A letter of resignation was received from Abby Garza. Motion, Bork; Second, Matthews; that the resignation be accepted with regret. Motion passed.
 - c. Finance Committee: Information was presented by Jon on finances of the Library. He reviewed the information from January to October. Jon has made the print much easier to read, thank you Jon. A copy of Jon's report is attached to the minutes file. Motion Newcomer, Second, Matthews to accept the Finance Report as presented. The Budget Committee met prior to this meeting to start the budget process. Because of the Library's finances, there will be no staff raises this year. More information on the budget will be forthcoming.
 - d. Fundraising Events Committee: Don shared additional information on the possibility of joining forces with the Alpine Food Pantry to co-sponsor a 5K race in February. Last year, the Food Pantry participated with Sul Ross and took in about \$5,000. After discussion, it was decided for Don to pursue the idea with the Food Pantry and report back. This would give us two spring fund raisers.
 - e. Friends: Friends are busy finalizing preparations for Art Walk. They decided to give a bonus to Library Employees again this year. Audrey Painter donated an old book to the Library and the Friends' group has proceeded to find a buyer. If all goes as planned, the buyer will pay \$700 for the book. Mouse preparation continues. The end is near! We have presold a total of 64 mice (\$960—yay!!) The next Hump Day Lunch will be December 16 and the menu will be hot dogs. Discussion on what to bring for the wheel barrow raffles concluded with board members being

reminded to bring two bottles of wine and 2 6-packs of beer. Try not to bring beer that has to be refrigerated. Also, specialty beers are not as popular as the regular kinds.

- f. Library: Don reported that he has submitted another grant to the Texas Rural Grant. Results won't be known until March or April. He stated that he is in the process of preparing a mailer to be sent out looking for contributions from area residents. It has been a number of years since this was last done.

The Library's Director's Liability Insurance has been switched to a new carrier. It is \$300 cheaper and there is no deductible. Discussion followed on needing to take a realistic approach to our financial problems. One solution may be to close on Mondays. This could potentially save \$13,000 on employee salaries/associated costs. Even though Don made presentations to the City and County authorities, they did not increase their allotments to the library.

V. Old Business There was no Old Business.

VI. New Business

- a. Budget. This was discussed as part of the Financial and Executive Director's reports.
- b. Slate of Nominees. Terms end in December. President Bryant, appointed Kathy Donnell and Kathy Bork to the Nominating Committee. They will be tasked with bringing a Slate of Officers to the December meeting.
- c. Committee assignments will be clarified after the new officers are elected.

VII. Next meeting will be **Thursday, December 10, 2015.**

VIII. Motion, Newcomer, second, Glendinning to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McCall, Secretary
APL Board of Directors