

Alpine Public Library, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2016

5:30 p.m.

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: Don Wetterauer, Kathy Donnell, Kathy Bork, Pat McCall, Mike Latta, Luc Novovitch, Jim Glendinning, Jon Roe, Filemon Zamora, Cynthia Salas, and Linda Bryant . Gary Dill excused.

- a. Meeting was called to order by Linda Bryant, at 5:30 p.m.
- b. Introduction of Guests and announcements: There were no guests. Nothing new was added to the agenda.
- c. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Motion, Salas, second, Latta, to approve the minutes. Discussion followed on whether the minutes should state the name of person who voted in the negative. Secretary will refer to Robert's Rules and report back if this is necessary and will correct minutes accordingly. Motion to approve carried.
- d. Reports
 - a. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee did not meet.
 - b. Board Development Committee: The Board Development Committee did not meet, but wanted the Board to know that there will soon be one or two openings on the board. Jim and Filemon have chosen to leave the board at the end of their current terms. Jon and Linda have agreed to continue for a new term. Suggestions should be referred to Kathy Bork. She will have applications for candidates and will continue the process.
 - c. Finance Committee: Jon presented his report to group.
 - d. Income Generating Committee: There was no formal meeting of this committee this month. A discussion followed on preparation of a flyer to be sent to all area residents served by APL requesting donations. Motion, Roe and second Donnell, to proceed with this effort.
 - e. Friends: The Friends group voted at their meeting to lower prices on hard backed books. Marilyn Terry is getting everything set up for APL's participation in the Center for Big Bend Studies Conference. Betty Fitzgerald has handled the paperwork for the APL booth at Mountain Country Christmas. Pecans are supposed to be ready by the end of October.
 - f. Library: Our GED class instructors have left town and Don is looking for new tutors. Computer classes will start Monday, October 17. Citizenship Class—the first person from last year's class has had an interview, but has not been

scheduled for the swearing in ceremony. There are 4 more waiting to hear. This year, we only have one. ESL classes are continuing.

The Sarah McQuaid concert had about 30 people in attendance. Jon Lilly is scheduled to be at the library on November 7th. We are asking for a \$10 per person donation. Big Bend Brewery will provide beer and we will furnish popcorn. He is a country/western singer.

We have the opportunity, in cooperation with the Sul Ross Library, to have an intern for 20 hours/week for two years. Don will be interviewing 6 applicants.

After much consideration, we would like to change our operating hours again. We would be open late on Wednesday till 9 p.m. This will allow folks greater access to the Library. Closing on Monday's gave approximately a \$13,000 savings. This will probably increase payroll by \$7-8,000, however, will allow a greater number of evening offerings to happen.

Discussion with Martin Benevich, on possible weekly radio spots for a fee. A 3-5 minute spot would run about \$100 per month.

Don will attend the West Texas Rural Philanthropy Day Expo on October 21. It is for non-profits and topics include financial oversight for your organization and board.

e. Old Business:

- a. The Read-A-Thon resulted in over \$2,000 so far and money is still coming in. This will be a good project to repeat.

f. New Business:

- a. Hump Day Lunch will be on November 9. The menu will be hot dogs and vegetable soup. Gary Dill is the lead on this. It will be the day before our next Board Meeting, so please volunteer to help.
- b. Bylaws Revisions. A committee sent out the suggested By-Law changes prior to the meeting. Discussion on changes was led by K. Bork. The Board will vote on the revised By-Laws at the November meeting.
- c. Art Walk: Planning is in progress. Discussion on whether or not to purchase an ad in the Art Walk publication. Price will be \$500. Motion, Bork, second, McCall to take out full page ad in the Art Walk publication. Motion passed.
- d. Christmas Mice: Mice making is in full swing. Sales are down, but hopefully they will pick up the closer we get to Mountain Country Christmas. The "Special Mouse" will be present at Art Walk and tickets will be available and \$1 for one and 6 for \$5.
- e. Budget: Finance Committee is working on budget for November meeting. They will meet a few days before the next meeting to finalize proposed budget.
- f. Sunshine House revisited: A second letter was received from the Sunshine House Director. The board is standing behind their previous decision and the

land in question is not for sale. This will be communicated to the Sunshine House Director.

- g. Funding for visit to ETP in Dallas: Motion, Bork, Second, Roe to authorize up to \$1,500 for travel to Dallas in the event it is needed. Vote 8 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.
- h. Motion, C. Salas, Second, Latta to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McCall, Secretary
APL Board of Directors