

**FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 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, Betty Fitzgerald, Pat McCall, Mary Jane Morgan, Barbara Novovitch, Amy Oxenham, Marilyn Terry, and Don Wetterauer.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the February 11, 2014, meeting be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

- Paige Delaney reported that funding from Brewster County has been decreased by \$18,000 for 2014. The combined (APL Board and FAPL) fund-raising goal for 2014 is \$50,000. The total budget shortfall for 2014 is \$125,000.
- The Solar Array inauguration is March 20, 4:00, in the AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room. Linda Bryant, Mary Jane Morgan, and Kathy Bork will provide cookies.
- APL has joined the Central Texas Library System and received a number of children's science books as part of the Science Rocks program. In addition, on June 12, the Trailblazer Science Truck will be at the library from 9:00 to 1:00 with numerous hands-on science experiments for kids. Volunteers are needed.

Financial Report

- Don Wetterauer presented the February financial report, which appears at the end of these minutes.
- Because the fund-raising goal is \$25,000 for the Friends and Re-Reads, it was decided to raise prices in Re-Reads: children's books, 25¢ (no change); paperback and soft covers, \$1.00 (with some flexibility due to value, condition); hardbacks, \$3.00 (with some flexibility allowed); ex-library DVDs, \$2.00; other DVDs, \$3.00.

Re-Reads Report

Linda Bryant reported that the front room inventory is complete; all that remains to inventory is recent donations. The online inventory for sales volunteers should be available the end of March.

Membership Report

Kathy Bork reported that membership stands at 59, with only 2 businesses. She will contact a local business owner who has agreed to provide a testimonial to be used in advertising. Chamber of Commerce members will be approached about purchasing ads in the newsletter.

New Business

- The deadline for the April newsletter is March 31. That issue will include another membership plea.
- The Woman's Club has expressed an interest in expanding its financial support beyond landscaping to include other library needs and Friends' needs. Paige and Linda will work with them on this.
- The Woman's Club has asked Linda to speak at a meeting about the Friends and Re-Reads.

Unfinished Business

- Re-Reads flyers will be printed and distributed to hotels, motels, RV parks, and the Chamber of Commerce.
- The Rare and Interesting Books Sale will be held May 2 and 3, with setup on May 1. The sale will run from 10:00 to 5:00 on Friday and 10:00 to 3:00 on Saturday. Unsold books will be held for later sales or sold in Re-Reads.
- ArtWalk Silent Auction items that have not been picked up will be held for the next auction if the APL Board decides to continue the event. If no auction will be held this year, prices on the items will be gradually lowered until they sell.
- Linda will contact the high school principal about publicizing the Teen Membership in the Friends.
- The Ad Hoc Fund-Raising Committee is considering several options: a special performance of "Blame It on Valentine, Texas," by Jaston Williams (in cooperation with the SRSU Theatre Department, proceeds to be split with the Food Pantry of Alpine); selling pavers (the committee has been asked to consult the APL Donor Relations Committee on this); recommending to the APL Board that one more ArtWalk Silent Auction be held, heavily advertised as the final one in hopes that attendance will increase.

The next meeting of the Friends will be April 8.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bork, secretary

Friends of the Alpine Public Library

February 2014

Income	
Friends memberships	\$ 300.00
Friends donations	\$ 175.00
Re-Reads Bookstore (see detail below)	\$1,279.60
Re-Reads donation jar	\$ 35.50
Better World Books	\$ 60.35
Total Income	\$1,850.45

Expenses \$ 0.00

Net Income \$1,850.45

Re-Reads Bookstore Total sales	\$1,279.60
Re-Reads sales tax collected	\$(87.65)
Re-Reads Net	\$1,191.95

Coffee: \$87.20 Pecans: \$132.00

RE-READS Patron count: 1,115 total for February
RE-READS February average: 48 patrons/day