

'Alpine Public Library, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room  
December 14, 2017  
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: Kathy Bork; Linda Bryant; Kathy Donnell; Mike Latta; Pat McCall; Amelie Urbanczyk; Alejandra Villalobos Meléndez; Executive Director Don Wetterauer. Absent: Maria Curry; Gary Dill; Mike Pallanez; Jon Roe; Cynthia Salas. The meeting was called to order by Kathy Bork at 5:30 p.m.

- A. Changes to Agenda—none
- B. The Minutes of the November 9, 2017, meeting were approved [Motion by McCall/second Bryant/carried unanimously].
- C. Election of board members and officers
  1. The Nominating Committee presented the slate of new board members for a term beginning January 1, 2018, ending December 31, 2020: Kathy Bork, Kathy Donnell, Mary-Elizabeth Thompson. After 3 calls for nominations from the floor, the slate was elected by acclamation.
  2. The Nominating Committee presented the slate of new officers for a term beginning January 1, 2018, ending December 31, 2018: Kathy Bork, president; Kathy Donnell, vice president; Gary Dill, secretary; Alejandra Villalobos Meléndez, treasurer. After 3 calls for nominations from the floor, McCall moved to accept the proposed slate of officers. Latta seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- D. Reports
  1. Executive Committee—Met for Wetterauer’s performance evaluation.
  2. Board Development Committee—The committee met to confirm the slate of new board members and officers for 2018.
  3. Finance Committee—The financial report [attached] was distributed to the board via email, prior to the meeting. The large drop in Re-Reads income since 2014 was noted. Bork announced plans to appoint an ad hoc Re-Reads Committee to study the efficacy of continuing to use the space as a bookstore. The board was reminded that a decision was made to seriously reevaluate Re-Reads if income dropped below \$8,000 per year. No recommendations expected until the end of 2018.
  4. Friends—No meeting in December. New FAPL officers are Lee Smith, president; Betty Fitzgerald, vice president; Kathy Bork, secretary.
  5. Library
    - a. Five more brick orders are needed to complete an order. Martha and Mike Latta will move the bricks currently located along the driveway to a new area near the sidewalk of the new parking lot.

- b. The Lincoln Center performance of “The Nutcracker” will be presented on Sunday, December 17, at 2:30 p.m.
  - c. The Texas Writers’ Workshop on Saturday, November 11, was well attended and well received. There were requests to hold it again.
  - d. APL participated in Shop Small Saturday.
  - e. Mary Beth Garrett is continuing with Family Night once per month, on the first Wednesday, and with Saturday Story Time once per month. Both programs have been very successful.
  - f. The last 2017 newsletter is out, available on the Website.
  - g. Holiday hours are as follows: the library and Re-Reads closed December 24–26; open 8:30–11:30, December 27–29, being staffed by volunteers; closed December 31–January 2.
  - h. Wetterauer is considering closing at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights, as the hour from 8:00 to 9:00 is usually dead. The Monday hours have been very positively received by patrons. The need for parking lot lights has become critical, and Wetterauer is looking at possible solutions.
  - i. The library participated with the Alpine Food Pantry in a joint fund-raiser, the ColorFall Fun Run, and received a check for \$3,961.00. There has been no decision about whether the event will be conducted in 2018 nor any decision about FAPL’s participation if it is.
  - j. The staff received cash holiday gifts in December, as has been the custom for many years.
  - k. Eric Zimmer introduced the new city manager, Jessica Garza, to the library. Garza expressed great interest in our expansion plans, especially the new meeting rooms.
6. Income-generating Committee
- a. Art Walk—Not our best year, but the event raised between \$15,000 and \$16,000 and was judged a success. Linda Bryant and Kathy Donnell will chair the event again in 2018, which will be held again at Galería Sibley.
  - b. Mountain Country Christmas—Our booth brought in just under \$1,000.00, primarily in sales of pecans, coffee, and mice. The primary volunteers expressed a willingness to participate again in 2018, but perhaps without merchandise other than pecans and coffee (and mice if a decision is made to produce them again in 2018 and perhaps Christmas books).
  - c. Giving Tuesday—The event made \$5,510.00, but the \$6,000.00 match was received anyway. We lost to the Jeff Davis County Library by about a percentage point. APL will participate in Giving Tuesday again in 2018. The staff was congratulated for the social media publicity.
  - d. Center for Big Bend Studies—Our table brought in \$945.00, thanks to Marilyn Terry’s efforts. She is willing to continue to collect relevant books and work the event in 2018.
7. Campaign for Kids
- a. Parking Lot progress report—The county has brought in some material but has been called off our job to work on county roads. Mike Pallanez believes the crew may be able to resume work in January. No bills have been received yet; if any costs are billed to us

at this point, they will be billed from Skelton Trucking for transportation of the materials. Mike Latta is working with the Christian School to try to get fill dirt as the school clears the site for its new facility. He has also secured a bid for \$1,512.50 from Richard Severy to provide two handrails for the new parking lot. Latta moved to accept the bid; Urbanczyk seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- b. Status of pledges and contributions—The campaign currently has \$41,725.00 in donations and pledges. Latta was asked to encourage board members who agreed to work on updating foundation lists to have that work completed by the January meeting.

E. Old Business

1. Hump Day Lunch—There being no recommendations concerning Hump Day Lunch in 2018, Urbanczyk moved that it be discontinued effective January 1, 2018; Donnell seconded; motion passed unanimously. All volunteers were thanked for their past work on the event.
2. Proposed 2018 budget—Wetterauer raised proposed amounts in contributions, foundations and grants, and other revenue to balance the proposed budget. The vote will be taken at the January board meeting.

F. New Business—Linda Bryant and Pat McCall were thanked for their exceptional service on the board and to the library.

G. Next Meeting Date: **January 11, 2018**, at 5:30 p.m.

H. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. [Motion by Bryant/second McCall/carried unanimously]

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bork, Secretary Pro Tem  
APL Board of Directors