

Alpine Public Library, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room
February 14, 2019
5:30 PM

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; Maria Curry, Bernadette Devine; Kathy Donnell; Gary Dill; Alejandra Villalobos Meléndez; Alexandra Moldovan; Mike Pallanez; Jon Roe; Lee Smith; Mary-Elizabeth Thompson; Amelie Urbanczyk; Executive Director Don Wetterauer. Absent: Cynthia Salas (excused).

- A. Changes to minutes- annual audit continuation (DW), consideration of library as agency for civic discussions (DW)
- B. It was moved (JR) and seconded (MET) that the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Reports
 1. Executive Committee - no report.
 2. Finance Committee - The financial report [attached] was distributed to the board via email prior to the meeting. AVM reviewed the material. It was noted that APL was running a deficit of \$4K. DW explained that the annual property tax payment justified the discrepancy.
 3. Friends
 - a. Rereads.
 - 1) Volunteers continue inventory for online database
 - 2) Two new volunteers-in-training, but still need more
 - b. Fund-raisers.
 - 1) Dancing with Alpine Stars, February 16th at 7PM
 - 2) Terrific Tuesday lunch will be Tues., 2/19/19 from 11:00 to 1:00
 - c. Outreach.
 - 1) FAPL will participate in the BBRMC health fair
 - d. Membership.
 - 1) Business memberships are now a FAPL category, these members receive a large sticker for their business to display
 4. Library
 - a. New tutoring rooms are making progress; still waiting on door; should be completed within a month.
 - b. Family STEAM night was big success with over 100 people in attendance
 - c. Spanish classes have started: beginner, intermediate and advanced
 - d. Travel Talk. 2/22/19, talk will be on New Zealand, presented by Matt Walter

- e. Workforce JOBCON in Marfa, TX on 2/27: APL will have a table and will demonstrate the 3-D printer.
 - f. Comic Con being organized by children's librarian Mary Beth Garrett for March 9, 2019.
 - g. Don will attend a meeting in Austin for the Texas Library Association Committee to review grant applications from small libraries to the Tocker Foundation. March 24-26, 2019. The committee will give comments and recommendations to the foundation's board; the Tocker foundation has given the APL grant money in the past.
6. Campaign for Kids
- a. received just over \$1900 in January
 - b. applied for \$75K grant from Potts-Sibley Foundation, awaiting news
7. Funding Solicitation Committee
- a. researching on the internet previously untapped funding sources.
 - b. BD suggested that for future events we consider asking for a donation with alcohol sales instead of set price, DW noted that this would require APL to obtain a temporary liquor license. LB noted that this also requires a TABC certification class, detailed some points she learned at non-profit workshop regarding liquor sales/distribution requirements.

D. Old business - (see Friends report above, re: business membership sticker)

E. New business

1. Mission Statement committee (Lee, Urbanczyk, Villalobos-Melendez) proposed the following revision, which was unanimously approved:

“The Alpine Public Library works to build community, encourage literacy, and promote lifelong learning. We endeavor to create and maintain a welcoming facility with relevant and enriching resources that connect our diverse and geographically remote area to the world.”

GD asked if the new mission statement takes the place of both mission and vision statements. AVM feels the vision statement is encompassed in the mission statement but needs to remain in place for grant application purposes, as many foundations ask for both a vision statement and a mission statement. LB feels that having the word “families” is important and it is missing in the mission statement, therefore the vision statement should remain.

2. Audit: DW reported that APL has an audit performed every year costing \$7k-\$8K. Alternatively, a 990 is only ~\$1K but performed every other year. It may be cost effective to have an audit done every two years (off years for the 990). It would cost more than the annual rate but every two years as opposed to every year. JR feels an annual full audit should continue while we continue to fundraise for the capital campaign. GD agreed that an annual full audit is money well spent. AM noted that a full audit serves to protect the Director.
3. Civics Discussion. “Libraries can be the lead agency in tackling pervasive social problems.” DW suggested that the board consider how the library can

be more involved in this way. LB noted that this fits with our new mission statement. DW suggested a community forum to help us tackle divisiveness. KD mentioned the recent town hall meeting by the city manager that was held at the library. It was mentioned that the library can be a safe space for discussion among our community. AVM suggested inviting Jay Downing to move his Open Care meetings from SRSU to APL. AM remembered that Gwin Grimes showed TedTalks at the library and moderated discussion afterward.

F. Next meeting date: March 14, 2019

G. Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amelie Urbanczyk, secretary
2019 APL Board of Directors