

Alpine Public Library, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

April 11, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Mission: 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.

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; Cynthia Salas; Mike Pallanez; Mary-Elizabeth Thompson; Amelie Urbanczyk; Executive Director Don Wetterauer. Absent: Alejandra Villalobos Meléndez (excused); Alexandra Moldovan (excused); Jon Roe (excused); Lee Smith (excused). The meeting was called to order by Gary Dill at 5:29 p.m.

- A. Changes to agenda - no changes made
- B. Announcements: no announcements
A typo in the March 2019 minutes was noted by GD and AU agreed to amend it; it was moved by CS and seconded by KD that the minutes of the March 2019 meeting be approved with amendment. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Reports
 - 1) Executive Committee - No report.
 - 2) Finance Committee—No report was given due to the absences of two members of the committee. GD noted that we are still showing more income than expenses due to a grant that was recently received. DW mentioned that under non-personnel expenses two things were added but not really expenses: a depreciation that was included at the auditor's request and \$6400 in the building fund that will be coming out of the Campaign for Kids fund.
 - 3) Friends
 - a) ReReads
Average daily patron count in the mid-50s; business is up; volunteers still needed; online sales are doing very well on Amazon, with 1-2 sales a day, \$531.61 total sales in the first three months, 31 books that would have sold for \$62 at ReReads; Annual Patio Sale from 8:00 to 1:00 on 4/27
 - b) Fundraisers and Outreach
 - 1) Earth Day on 4/20 from 11:00 to 2:00 on Murphy Street, the library will have a table with bookmarks, etc; 6 old oak library chairs will be given to artists to paint in a literary theme and be sold at the Art Walk Silent Auction, soliciting artists; photo contest 4/7 to 5/4, three winning photos of the library will be made into postcards to sell in ReReads.

4) Library/Director's Report

SRSU student volunteers spent time at the library switching the location of the Spanish books section with the biography section;

The last STEAM Family Night of the school year will be held on 4/24 and feature stomp rockets;

Ozobots presentation was a small crowd but generated lots of interest. Mary Beth Garrett will bring it back this summer;

A new summer reading program Ride, Read, and Seed will begin in June.

Children will ride their bikes to local gardens and learn about growing food, etc.;

Travel Talk on 4/26 "China to Sul Ross";

Snakes, Dinosaurs, and Astronomy program, 42 people attended, very good program enjoyed by all. No star-gazing due to cloudy weather; 5/4 program on black holes;

5/1 Band-aids on our Border, will be moderated by Marvy Burton

Mary Beth Garrett is requesting 2 liter bottles

5) Campaign for Kids

Balance of around \$375,000, no new pledges

6) Funding Solicitation Committee

BD presented ideas on fundraising: home tours; baking or cooking contests; family field day (obstacle course-like event); breakfast burrito sales; BINGO; gift-wrapping service, Turkey Trot; pumpkin carving contest; read-a-thon; monthly "guess the amount of ___ in the jar"; Trivia Night;

BD will set up a Google Doc that the committee can use to generate ideas

D. Old Business

1) LS asked GD about sending a representative from the Friends when the board member representing the Friends is unable to attend a board meeting. GD presented this question to the board. LB feels a report to be read by another board member should suffice. GD agreed and does not want to pressure anyone who cannot make a meeting for one reason or another. The general consensus of the board is that no representative needs to be sent. No vote was taken.

E. New Business

CS reported on a conversation she has had with a census taker for our area and urged board members to engage with him if we meet him in supplying information about people in the area that may not have an address. He may set up a workshop at the library at a future date to help the community with questions about filling out their forms.

F. Next meeting is May 9, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelie Urbanczyk, secretary
2019 APL Board of Directors