

Alpine Public Library, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room
March 14, 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; Alexandra Moldovan; Jon Roe; Lee Smith; Mary-Elizabeth Thompson; Amelie Urbanczyk; Executive Director Don Wetterauer. Alejandra Villalobos Meléndez attended by phone; absent: Cynthia Salas (excused); Mike Pallanez (excused). The meeting was called to order by Gary Dill at 5:32 p.m.

- A. Changes to agenda - DW added Investing grant money to Old Business
- B. Announcements: LB shared that the 13th person passed the United States Citizenship exam due to the instruction available at APL. The 10th, 11th and 12th person will be naturalized as citizens in El Paso on Thursday, March 21st.
- C. It was moved by JR and seconded by BD that the minutes of the February 2019 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Reports
 1. Executive Committee - No report.
 2. Board Development Committee
 3. Finance Committee—The financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Campaign for Kids received a grant for \$75,000 from Potts-Sibley Foundation; expense for tutoring rooms from CFK= \$13,500 - \$14,000; auditing will start soon, will take one month or so to be completed. ReReads is ahead of budget. Library is “currently not in the red”, due to grant. AU moved to approve report; LB supported.
4. Friends
 - a. Re-Reads.
 - 1) Workroom remodel is complete, donations are being processed and Amazon listings are being listed again.
 - 2) \$234.87 net in Amazon sales
 - 3) Business memberships increased in the last month, 10-13 new memberships thanks to LB, KD and Kathy Bork soliciting support for Dancing with the Stars event, which included business membership to Friends. 32 total Business members.
 - 4) Next Dancing with the Stars will be 2/29/20; Patio sale is slated for 4/27/19; Terrific Tuesday lunch will 3/19

- 5) Advocacy Alert: ALA emailed a call to action to argue against the recent White House budget to eliminate funds to libraries. Amelie will send out email with instructions on how to contact your congressperson.
- b. Fund-raisers.
 - 1) Dancing with the Stars: raised ~\$13,000 (\$14,000, then ~\$1000 in expenses.)
5. Library/Director's Report
 - a. Tutoring rooms are almost complete, awaiting doors; ReReads workroom is complete.
 - b. Sunday Screening "Untamed Elegance" Wynton Marsalis performing at Lincoln Center, 3/17/19; Ozobots featured at STEAM night on 3/27/19; Travel Talk on 3/22/19 by Heather Rickleff speaking about her time in the Peace Corps in west Africa; 4/6/19 all ages program from SRSU on astronomy and snakes; last Family Night of the school year will be 4/24/19 and feature Stomp Rockets.
 - c. New employee Casey DiMello (sp?)with lots of library experience.
 - d. Don attended JobCon in Marfa and spoke to students about jobs in the library and library jobs in general.
 - e. Far West Texas Symposium, 4/12/19, in El Paso at Isleta ISD, DW being sent by Workforce Development via Far West Texas Consortium for Literacy to discuss dispersement of \$35K funds.
 - f. Accreditation report for Texas State Library and Archives Commission; DW has almost completed this, due at the end of April.
6. Campaign for Kids— up to date on pledges, 40% of our 50% goal; \$432,798 total; \$104,000 to go to get to 50%; Tutoring rooms cost listed in D.3 and includes furniture and accessories. GD suggests naming the rooms after Union Pacific after receiving a \$10,000 grant.
- D. Old Business
 - Grant money investments: a CD would give us 2.4% interest; DW says that \$100,000 in a CD would grow the money monthly; JR says it's a good idea, AVM agrees; AU agrees; GD suggests giving DW authority to pursue investments, no motion needed. DW will pursue. JR asked that SW reports to the board on the investment.
- E. New business - no report.
- F. Next meeting is April 11, 2019 at 5:30 PM; GD added that there will be no meetings in June and August of 2019.
- F. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelie Urbanczyk, secretary
2019 APL Board of Directors