

Alpine Public Library, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room  
December 12, 2020  
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: Gary Dill; Amelie Urbanczyk; Maria Curry; Lee Smith; Linda Bryant; Jon Roe; Mary-Elizabeth Thompson; Executive Director Don Wetterauer. Absent: Kathy Donnell(excused); Alejandra Villalobos-Meléndez (excused); Mike Pallanez (excused) Bernadette Devine (excused); Alexandra Moldovan(excused); Cynthia Salas (excused). The meeting was called to order by Gary Dill at 5:31 p.m.

- A. Changes to agenda
- B. Introduction of guests: Betsy Evans attended as an applicant for 3-year membership into the board of directors; Gabby Pillanieta attended as a consultant for fundraising endeavors toward the matching grant to begin in February;
- C. It was moved (LB) and seconded (MET) that the minutes of the November meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Reports
  - 1. Executive Committee
  - 2. Board Development Committee
  - 3. Finance Committee—The financial report was presented by JR in AVM’s absence. Financial situation was deemed to look strong.
  - 4. Friends - did not meet in December, no report
    - a. mention in the library journal Voice for American Libraries for the Trailblazers exhibit.
    - b. Fund-raisers.
      - 1) Terrific Tuesday lunch hours have changed to 11:30-1PM.
  - 5. Library
    - a. Christmas in Alpine held on 12/14/19; MB will have games and crafts for the children in the Civic Center from 12-4PM
    - b. Sunday Screening, 12/15/19. Pipe organs; instruments the size of a house; patrons will have a chance to look inside a new organ and listen to organ music.
    - c. APL closed 12/24, 12/25, and 1/1/20 for holidays.
    - d. Brewster Co., facilitated by MP, delivered top soil for the space between the new parking lot and the building.

- e. "Girls who Code" - a new program that MB will begin on Tuesdays
  - f. Credit card machine out of date so another one will need to be purchased.
  - g. Budget will be available in January.
  - h. DW will send out a SWOT form for board members to fill out.
  - i. There was a mention in the local paper about the Girl Scouts meeting at APL with MB to learn about the 3-D printer.
6. Campaign for Kids— continue to received around \$400/mo.
  7. Funding Solicitation Committee - Met to discuss grant proposal; must raise \$100,000 or no match will be given
- E. Old Business
- Silent auction: raised about \$18,000, with about \$700 going toward fundraising expenses. DW will present an analysis at a later date.
  - Volunteer roster was passed around for working at the library over the holidays in order to give the staff a much needed break.
  - Regarding the matching grant, Gabby Pillanieta presented strategies for how to raise large sums of money in a short amount of time. LB suggested dividing personal monthly donations to direct funds towards the matching grant, for those that schedule monthly donations to APL. JR suggested asking the City and County to give extra toward our goal. MC said the city will probably agree.
- F. New business
1. The new 2020 slate for board of directors was discussed: Betsy Evans, Amelie Urbanczyk and Alejandra Villalobos-Meléndez. AU did not provide BE with an application, so she suggested that an e-vote take place after BE had received the form and had a chance to fill it out.
- G. Next meeting date: January 16, 2020, at 5:30.  
Gary is unable to attend our normally scheduled meeting on January 9, 2020, so the board elected to change the date to the following week.
- H. Meeting adjourned, no time was noted.

Addendum:

The application for Betsy Evans was distributed to all board members via email on 12/15/19. Ms. Evans was voted in by a majority vote tallied on 12/16/19, unanimously by all members who voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelie Urbanczyk, secretary  
2020 APL Board of Directors