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; Kathy Donnell; Gary Dill; Lee Smith; Amelie Urbanczyk; Bernadette Devine; Executive Director Don Wetterauer. Absent: Mary-Elizabeth Thompson (excused); Maria Curry (excused); Mike Pallanez (excused); Cynthia Salas (excused); Betsy Evans (excused); Alexandra Moldovan (resigned).

The meeting was called to order by Gary Dill at 5:34 p.m.

A. Changes to agenda- no changes
B. Introduction of guests - no guests
C. Minutes from 09/10/20; it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the minutes of the September meeting be accepted.
D. Reports
   1. Executive Committee
   2. Board Development Committee- no report
   3. Finance Committee—The financial were submitted by DW in the absence of a treasurer; reports were reviewed and discussed; DW noted that 2 computers were purchased as the library awaited the approval of a grant asking for 8 computers; GD noted that only 67% of the budget was spent despite being 75% into in the year, claiming we must be the envy of non-profits during these challenging times.
   4. Friends -book donations are picking up; Rereads online needs more patrons; Antispelling bee raised over $4K; bee will resume and be moved to Gallego Center next year; 9 children participated in the Read Aloud fundraiser; Tuesday Take-Out, the temporary replacement of Terrific Tuesday Lunch, was successful; Silent auction is forging ahead.
   5. Library
      a. DW submitted and explained report; archived. Library considered opening in a limited manner by 10/7 but ultimately decided against it, preferring to take up the consideration week-by-week; a grant application was submitted for more computers and software, should know the outcome in November; Outdoor theatre fundraiser is just over $1300 shy of goal to purchase the equipment; LB has resumed citizenship, GED, and ESL classes; still looking into purchasing a new copier.
6. Campaign for Kids — steady pledges; fund increases about $500 each month.

D. Old Business - Director’s evaluation was discussed; AU proposed the executive board’s recommendation of raising the director’s salary to $42,000 in 2021 and raise it further to $45,000 by 2023. Unanimously approved.

E. New business - AU reminded the board that all officer position were expiring at the end of 2020; an ad-hoc committee was formed to create a slate of candidates for the December board meeting. (Bernadette Devine, Kathy Donnell, and Mary-Elizabeth Thompson); the Board Development committee will search for any new board members as needed to fill expiring or resigned seats.

F. Next meeting date: November 12, 2020, at 5:30 via Zoom

G. Meeting adjourned (time not recorded)

Respectfully submitted,

Amelie Urbanczyk, secretary
2020 APL Board of Directors