

Alpine Public Library Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021
5:30 p.m.
AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room and ZOOM

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: Kathy Donnell; Gary Dill; Linda Bryant; Jaime Escuder; Jon Roe; Lee Smith; Amelie Urbanczyk; Bernadette Devine; Mary-Elizabeth Thompson; Don Wetteraur

Members absent: Betsy Evans (excused); Mike Pallanez (unexcused); Cynthia Salas (unexcused); Maria Curry (unexcused)

A. Meeting called to order by Linda Bryant at 5:31 p.m.
B. Changes to agenda- Gift added under New Business
C. Introduction of guests and announcements: none
D. Consent Agenda: L.B. asks that M.E.T. correct Meeting “Agenda” to “Minutes” on the April meeting minutes document and with that change, the document be accepted; J.R. moves to approve Consent Agenda, L.S. seconds, all approve.

E. Old business: none

F. New business

1. Re-opening the library: J.E. suggests re-opening normal hours with masks; D.W. has begun doing this; D.W. reports that they have not had to enforce 5- person limit so there has not been an issue; the library will not begin kids programs inside yet but will begin having kids programs outside in June; G.D asks about the button on the door; D.W. reports that the staff are concerned that people will start coming in without masks and they will not see them; the CDC did release new guidelines today that need to be looked over and additionally, the ALA will recommend guidelines based on these; J.E. says some people do not want to come to the library because they might be turned away due to the 5 person rule, so asks that it be in the newsletter that a limit is no longer being enforced. A.U. asks about the status of the Farmers Market; D.W. says they will open an additional hour on Saturdays to help with demand but that there will no longer be a satellite branch at the market.

2. APL Policy Manual: L.B. and D.W have been updating the policy manual this week and have added board members and made corrections; L.B. suggests taking June

off and then sending it out for everyone to read and then vote on; suggests meeting on July 8 and in the meantime, the handbook will be sent out with a reply by date for any changes and additions.

3. Nicole Cardoza: Nicole died last week and the hope is that there will be a memorial at some point; if someone wants to put something in the newsletter as a tribute, send to L.S. by Monday; A.U. asks if we can do a brick for her; D.W. says yes and they also plan to get a tree.

4. Gift: D.W. reports that we are receiving a \$64,000 gift; the gift is in the form of two different IRAs that two organizations are receiving, of which we are one; when the money is split with the other organization and once we receive it, we will then have 60 days to move it into whatever we decide on.

5. Other remarks: J.E. says thank you for the Mango program and is learning Japanese; D.W. reports that we have a one-year subscription for it and if it is being used, we will renew it. A.U. asks about the city representative for the board; D.W. says that Maria Curry is no longer on the city council, so they will replace her and that person will be determined by the council; G.D. asks if D.W. can have a conversation about who it might be and if we can have a say in the replacement; D.W. confirms that he will look into it; L.B. reminds us that we are all invited to the Dill's house on Monday.

G. Next meeting date: July 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.; a Zoom option will be offered

H. Adjournment at 5:50 p.m.

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Mary-Elizabeth Thompson, Secretary (2023)
Jon Roe, Treasurer (2023)
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Maria Curry, City of Alpine Representative
Mike Pallanez, Brewster Co. Representative

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