

Alpine Public Library Board of Directors  
Meeting Agenda  
June 10, 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; Linda Bryant; Lee Smith; Betsy Evans; Mary-Elizabeth Thompson; Don Wetteraur; Amelie Urbanczyk; Jaime Escuder; Jon Roe;  
Members absent: Cindy Salas (unexcused); Bernadette Devine (unexcused); Mike Pallanez (unexcused)

- A. Call to order: Linda Bryant calls to order at 5:31 p.m.
- B. Changes to agenda: none
- C. Introduction of guests and announcements: none
- D. Consent Agenda: A.U. moves to accept, K.D. seconds, all vote in favor
- E. Old business
  - 1. Board handbook: L.B. asks if anyone has an issue with the content, not typos because there are a few typos she found and corrected after sending it out; B.E. mentions the Vice President term in the handbook and asks if it is until 2023 because the agenda says 2021; B.E. says that Gary's term ends December 2022 so it would be the same for her stepping in as VP; A.U. notes a few typos; J.E. mentions that his name is spelled incorrectly in the board handbook but is correct on agenda; L.B says a vote by email will be sent out to accept the handbook within a 10 day period of receipt; M.E.T. will send a corrected version with that email.
  - 2. Capital campaign: D.W. reports that we received another \$35 toward this last month; K.D. asks if he has met with Karen Valenzuela about a grant; it is an IMLS grant for programming and has to be for \$10,000-\$50,000 and we have to match it; the matching could be staff time matched to the money we get for programming, etc.
  - 3. Resignation: L.B. announces that Gary Dill resigned, and we need to find another board member; J.E. reached out to someone and asks for further recommendations so he can approach them.
- F. New business

1. Nicole Cardoza benefit on June 17: L.B. announces that it is a brisket dinner by the adult patio on the sidewalk under the eaves; there will be 100 servings of brisket, so they will serve until it runs out; the family chose the time and date and hopefully we can all attend; she asks that each board member contribute 2 dozen cookies or bars for the event; bring these to the library during the day on Wednesday or Thursday; meal will include brisket, beans, tortillas, coleslaw, potato salad, tea and lemonade; the meal can be eaten outside at tables at the library or put in to-go boxes; if you knew Nicole, you will have the chance to say something to the family and show support; there will also be a Go Fund Me that is separate, with information for it at the benefit.

2. Alpine City Council changes: D.W. has no idea what is happening or what to expect for the APL; we could each contact our council representative on behalf of the library; he also mentioned that the city council would appoint a new member to the board; they were going to talk to the interim city manager and find out what happens and who that will be; J.E. asks who is the interim, Megan Antrim is the interim; two members of the council, Jerry Johnson and Cindy Salas's sister (Chris Rodriguez), are both volunteers with the library, so they are supportive; we are coming into the budget season so D.W. is concerned that funding will be removed; J.E. asks if D.W. has to present to them every year; he replies that at one point, he presented once a quarter and before that, it was once a year, but he has not been asked to do this in a couple of years; D.W. says we should ask other library supporters to tell their council person that they support the library; M.E.T. asks about timeline for information from city council and D.W. replies that he will call Megan to ask what the timeline is.

3. Gift from Gwynne Jamieson: D.W. mentioned the \$64,000 gift last meeting; the money has now been deposited in Edward Jones and he needs to get some options to find out what we can do to make it grow; at the next meeting, we can discuss options and decide further steps.

D.W. proposed that some of the \$570,000 in West Texas National Bank be moved into a brokerage account so that we get more out of it; he asks for approval to put it in Charles Schwab, where we can have a professional money manager handle it; J.R. proposed in the Executive Committee meeting that we move about \$300,000 into this account; K.D. asks if it is less expensive to go there than Edward Jones where the other money is; D.W. says that Edward Jones is limited in their options and he has not been impressed with them; he thinks it is fine to use them for the endowment but he thinks we can do better with this money; L.S. asks about fees associated with the account and D.W. says that we would not pay any fees because of the amount we plan to put in; J.E. asks if there is a delay in accessing the funds with this type of account; D.W. says that we could set it up with a checking account if there was some type of delay but he does not think that would be the case; K.D. moves that we

transfer the funds D.W. deems appropriate to Charles Schwab, A.U. seconds; all in favor, motion passes; D.W. will now pursue this and report back when he has more information; A.U. asks if this gift is helpful with addressing the shortfall of the budget this year; D.W. says that it is not specified, so we can decide how to use it; D.W. suggests that we think about it and he will present us with options once he talks to them.

4. Next meeting: L.B. would like to keep the next meeting date as planned and if it turns out that we do not need it, we can cancel it.

G. Next meeting date: July 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

H. Adjournment at 6:00 p.m.

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