

Alpine Public Library, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

September 9, 2021

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; Lee Smith; Amelie Urbanczyk; Bernadette Devine; Jaime Escuder, John Roe; Kathy Donnell, Executive Director Don Wetterauer. Absent: Mike Pallanez; Cynthia Salas; Betsy Evans (excused); Chris Ruggia (excused); Ellen Ruggia (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Linda Bryant at 5:29 p.m.

- A. Changes to agenda- DW added new business items
- B. Introduction of guests - no guests
- C. Minutes from 08/12/21; AU edited the minutes to include the presence of Martin Sendate; it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the minutes of the August meeting be accepted.
- D. Consent Agenda- JE commended outreach efforts to local auto parts stores to introduce more patrons to our databases, one of which is Chilton Auto Repair manuals; DW reports that he is working with the staff to educate them on assisting patrons in using the databases.
- E. Ongoing Business —

The Capital Campaign continues to bring in ~\$100/mo.; DW received insight from a contractor about the cost inflation of construction materials, an increase of 30%, advised it is expected to go down at the beginning of the year; this contractor suggested that we hire someone in the spring with a commitment to a bid; re: fundraising for the campaign, granting agencies require 50% but with materials cost increase being factored in, now we're at 40% \$620,000 raised so far. We still need to raise more money in order to get to the 50% with the increase; DW and BE will begin meeting every month with the building committee, starting 9/29 to revisit the plans to make sure there aren't any changes that need to be made. JR suggests that our ReReads bookstore may need a reconsideration, should we continue to support it or get rid of it and use the space; board agrees that we need to discuss ReReads again; BD feels that contractors may not commit to a set a price because the market is too volatile; LB mentioned that in July of 2022 the library will be 75 years old and that would be a good time to promote the campaign and to begin construction; LB asks if we should revive the ReReads committee and JR suggested that it should be considered moving forward; BD says to consider that RR offers a service, aside from bringing in limited funds

Community Reading — Laurence Wright will live stream on 9/22 at 7 PM, in the AEP room or streamed on FB; this will also be recorded and available on YouTube; on Saturday, 9/18, there will be a facilitated discussion led by Lee Smith at 10AM at the library; DW says that patrons should

register for the author event; Q&A will take place after the talk, with questions passed to Don or Lee; LS is encouraging book groups to send questions ahead of time; questions may be posed via FB too

Edward Jones investment— The library received a gift of \$62K from the estate of Gwen Jamieson; the board previously voted to look into establishing an endowment; DW presented options; one program you pay a monthly fee and have more control 1.35% annual; the other you start one time fee of 4% to start, and BD remarked that its too high, but anything managed doesn't do as well; right now it's making .01% in a money market acct.; we have a small investment in P&G stock that will be sold off because it isn't doing well; JR mentioned that we have used Charles Schwab before (with Capital Campaign) and their fees are minuscule; can we create a separate Schwab account? But DW says that they have a high minimum; DW will find out if they have restrictions to the endowment; we will hold off a vote until we have more info.

Silent Auction — LB says that Art Walk organizers plan to hold the event this year so our auction will be live; LB is asking for the board to help find donations; auction will be at the former Kiowa Gallery in the front room; still looking for a place to have the Buy it Now table; Pat McCall will arrange the volunteers again; LB would like some other folks to step up and chair this event next year; still our major fundraiser, along with Dancing with Alpine Starts; Art Walk will be held November 19 & 20; all donations now being accepted;

F. **New business**

DW suggests advertising in the Alpine HS yearbook for \$100; KD suggests that we honor the students affiliated with the library; JE moved, JR 2nd; passed

DW showed us a delightful video from the summer “Ten to Try”, read 10 books and make a video, get a prize; one person participated

Next meeting announced: October 14, 2021, at 5:30 — attendance very important and strongly encouraged

Meeting adjourned at 6:17PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amelie Urbanczyk, secretary
2021 APL Board of Directors