

**Alpine Public Library Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 9, 2025**  
**5:30 PM**  
**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.

**Board Members Present:** Kay Tscheyka, Maggie Bootman, Susie Celaya, Don Wetterauer, Cathy Lammons

**Board Members Excused:**, Judy Bowers

**A. Call to order** – Maggie called the meeting to order.

**B. Changes to the agenda** – Dallas and Price, Tom Kennedy and Jim Martinez from Native plant Society wants to update us about the pollinator garden.

Tom is presenting the new design... will have fence...Patty Manning... worked at SR. then her twin sisters native... memorial garden for her...passed and cannot help, but Jim Martinez is helping in the design. Timeframe... need the permits will start once we get those. Fund raiser is March 1... drip line after the hard scaping. Plant sale end of April... planned to finish mid-May... asking for donations...Dallas discussed maintenance... they do that for the railroad park... they have 15 gardeners that maintain that garden. Her plan is to take the railroad park garden and enlarge it. Volunteers would be assigned a zone and a week. They work in quarters. Lots of Sul Ross people... want to help... looking for volunteers. Can we sell the book at re-reads? Jim left his book for us.

Maggie will contact Tom to come to the planning meetings. Don will get the permits and we need to discuss the fence.

New Employee to replace Mary Beth Claudia will come to the next meeting. Short building update. All done... Made last payment. Have all the manuals... everything is done. 1 year is warranty. All done. Made the last payment. 1.1 mil. We have \$40k left...

**C. Introduction of guests and announcements – did this before our business meeting.**

**D. Approve minutes** – Cathy move to approve. Suzie 2<sup>nd</sup>. approved

**E. Consent Agenda** – Cathy move to approve. Suzie2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved

**F. New Business**

Isabel has resigned as VP...

The city knocked us back to \$40K they are trying to get this back to \$45K Don wants to discuss with Reagan.

1. **Budget will be reviewed again in February...** fluid thing. Cathy moved... Kay second all in favor ok.
2. **Custodial service. the current service is upping from \$600 - \$900....** We need to decide what we will do soon. 3 estimates. Don going to ask if the people giving the bids what they will do for \$500-\$600... we have a volunteer that will vacuum, and the volunteers can take out the trash.
3. **The Gem show is 4/18-20 so our Garage sale will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>.** Saturday. 8-1ish. in the conference room. We can do it outside and inside. Will start asking for donations. Will set up on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Spread the word. Don will add this to the website.
4. **Greg will ask for another person to come. Maggie will email him Regan and Kay moved. Approved.** Maggie has not heard from Greg.
5. **Mural status (for south wall and fundraising for west wall) –** in process.
6. **Fundraising - All of us -** Don Wetterauer shared that the Board must do more fundraising. Discussion of Spring events took place. Fish Fry at the American Legion is TBD. Dancing with the Stars. March 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone needs to reach out to friends to dance. Judy Bowers has a granddaughter that uses the Teen Zone. loves it. Kay will try to interview her and try to put it on YouTube. or Facebook. will work on this. Also interview her for our newsletter.—have not heard from Judy's granddaughter.
7. Isabel Jones has resigned.
10. **Endowment Committee formation -** tabled until after library move Regan brought up to send thankyou notes to donators...**will discuss next meeting.—did not discuss**
10. **Mail Promotion in Utility Bills –***agree to do this is no cost to us. Regan will do a layout for this to be done. Kay needs to reach out to Chris to try to get the layout sent to Regan. Don will also send the templet to Regan. Don did give him the info. Reagan did not come to the meeting*
- H. Next meeting date is Thursday, March 13, 2025
- I. **Adjournment –** Maggie moved to adjourn. Cathy seconded. Passed.

#### **2025 Board of Directors:**

Maggie Bootman, President (2026)  
Isabel Jones, Vice President (2025)—**resigned...**  
Susie Celaya, Treasurer (2027)  
Kay Tscheyka, Secretary (2027)  
Cathy Lammons (2027)  
Judy Bowers (2027)  
Greg Henington, Brewster Co. Representative  
Reagan Stone, City of Alpine Representative