

**Alpine Public Library Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2023 (updated date)**  
**5:30 PM**  
**AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room**

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.

A. Call to order - CR and JE showed up late during the budget discussion, nor MS or MP

B. Changes to agenda

1. Direct Mail Promotion (from Ongoing Business) was addressed via email vote prompted by CR due to timeline. The vote passed with eight yes votes.
2. Re: New Slate of Officers (LB) - Officers must sign a new signature card at the bank. All Officers every year must sign a new signature card.

C. Introduction of guests and announcements

1. DW was in the Alpine Avalanche discussing the Capital Campaign
2. Amazon is canceling their AmazonSmile charity service. This amounts to about \$100 annual income loss for APL.

D. Approve the minutes for November and December

1. KD moves and ER seconds to approve both sets of minutes. Approved.

E. Consent Agenda - Director's, Treasurer's and Friends' reports

1. LB thanked ER for agreeing to be the Treasurer. All agreed.

F. Ongoing business

1. Building Committee chair position - LB said we won't worry about the lack of a Committee Chair at this time. We should push for the fundraising of the additional \$70K first. We do not have a Site Supervisor but DW said there are other items to take care of in the meantime.
2. \$10K matching grant - We made it! But DW said we have another matching grant: the \$100K from Abell Hanger if we raise \$200K. With these and other donations accounted for, we are only \$28K away from the Abell Hanger matching grant. If we get that, we're close to 90% of the total projected cost of the project. Discussion about starting construction per DW: Children's Area is the first priority.

3. Direct Mail promotion, \$3,250 - CR- addressed via email as described in B. Changes to agenda.

4. Budget - DW - Discussion of budget-related items and specifically about launching as a Testing Center for GED. JB moves to approve the budget, KD seconds. Budget approved by vote.

5. Proposed language for AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room - read by BH from email discussion. No new discussion. Adopted.

#### G. New business

1. Treasurer position - LB - filled by ER. We all approve.

2. Committee assignments - LB commented that everyone is on the Strategic Plan Committee, and we will try to do as much as we can during our monthly meetings but also she asks that Members make time to devote to planning. Other committees needed are: Building Committee for when construction starts. We need an Income-Generating Committee (or Fundraising Committee) because we are short \$28K for the construction build. LB asks for Fundraising Committee volunteers - ER says she and CR are on it again this year and asks that KD continues to be on it. KD says maybe she was too. JB asks what will happen on this committee. LB says the committee will take care of all the main fundraising: patio sale, fish fry, dancing, talent show, direct mail - generally events. Fundraising Committee thinks and plans, but everyone does the work. MB offered to volunteer and join the Fundraising Committee. LB asked for a chair of the Fundraising Committee. To be determined. Another committee is the Executive Committee, made up of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. LB, BE, IJ, and ER must go sign the signature cards when DW lets us know it is time. Is there any other committee we need, LB asks? ER asks if the Membership Committee is included in the charge of the Fundraising Committee. AU was in charge of Membership Recruitment at some point. LB says all current Board Members should consider and recommend new candidates for the Board. This year a primary focus will be on the Strategic Planning Committee, so LB is working to eliminate/pause the Committees not needed this year.

JE asks if we've met with the new County Judge. DW has visited with him. LB asks if that means if MP will still be the Brewster County Representative moving forward. IJ said she would find out who it will be.

KD asked it's the same deal about the Mayor for the City Council Person. LB says we need to ask the Mayor if MS is still the City of Alpine Representative. IJ will find out as well.

\*note, March 31 is the Fish Fry Date this Spring 4 PM to 8 PM.

H. Next meeting date: February 9, 2023, at 5:30 PM

I. Adjournment

KD moves to adjourn. ER seconds.

**2023 Board of Directors:**

Linda Bryant, President (2024)

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