

Alpine Public Library Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 18, 2024
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.

Members present: Maggie Bootman, Linda Bryant, Don Wetterauer, Betsy Helesic, Susie Celeya, Mary Bennett, Judy Bowers

Members excused: Isabel Jones

A. Call to order - Linda Bryant called the meeting to order

B. Changes to the agenda - Linda Bryant asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda. Linda added discussion of a custodial contract to New Business and also for New Business she wanted to make a request to make Elaine Harman an APL 'Friend for Life.' Linda also requested to switch New Member Applications from Old Business to New Business so that the Board could consider a new member at this meeting.

C. Introduction of guests and announcements - Linda Bryant introduced guest Cathy Lammons who applied to be a Member of the Board.

D. Approve minutes - Linda Bryant asked for comments on the minutes from the previous meeting. There were several spelling errors to correct. Maggie Bootman moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Judy Bowers seconded. Passed.

E. Consent Agenda - Linda Bryant asked if everyone has reviewed the Consent Agenda. Judy moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Mary Bennett seconded. Passed.

F. New Business

- 1. Custodial contract RFP** - Linda Bryant announced that the Library would be distributing a request for proposal for a new custodial contract coinciding with the opening of the renovated space.
- 2. Request for Friend for Life** - Linda Bryant requested that Elaine Harman be granted a 'Friend for Life' because she donated her entire personal library to APL. Judy Bowers moved to accept Linda's request. Mary Bennett seconded. Passed. Linda Bryant will make the certificate and Maggie Bootman, as Friends liaison, will present it.
- 3. New member applications** - Cathy introduced herself to the Board and discussion took place. Cathy was excused and Maggie Bootman made a motion to invite Cathy to join the Board. Mary Bennett seconded. Passed. Linda Bryant called for a vote to

add Cathy Lammons to the Board for a term ending in 2027. The vote took place and Cathy was asked back in and welcomed to the Board.

G. Ongoing business

- 1. Direct Mail promotion - next steps** - Linda Bryant confirmed that the Library can distribute materials to City of Alpine residents via City utility bills. APL must only design and print the materials. Discussion took place. Betsy asked if a point person should be defined for this task.
- 2. Building Committee update** - Don Wetterauer provided a building update. Construction is ongoing. The completion date has been pushed to end of July. Furniture should arrive near the end of August. He is starting to come up with plans about moving 20,000 books and other things. Linda Bryant sent another email to Pauline about the mural.
- 3. Endowment Committee formation (?)** - Linda Bryant says we need an Endowment Committee, but that it can wait until after we get the library moved. Discussion took place.
- 4. Fundraising Ideas - two per person** - Linda Bryant shared that Mary Bennett agreed to be the point person for fundraising ideas. Mary Bennett will set a meeting date for more brainstorming, a morning toward the end of August.
- 5. New member applications** - Linda Bryant moved this item to New Business for consideration of Cathy Lammons' application, but Linda Bryant also mentioned that another application is outstanding, so we will meet again in August.
- 6. Mural** - Linda Bryant reported that emailed Pauline about the mural again.
- 7. Alpine's Got Talent Report** - Linda Bryant reported that there is no news from the Granada.
- 8. APL policy consideration - One member per family** - Linda Bryant brought up the policy consideration again. Mary Bennett moved to add this to the policy with language saying "only one Board member from the same household." Susie seconded. Passed. Don Wetterauer will wordsmith and add the new policy to manual.

H. Tour of the construction project - No tour due to rain.

I. Next meeting date - Thursday, August 8

J. Adjournment - Maggie Bootman moved to adjourn. Judy Bowers seconded. Passed. The meeting adjourned.

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Betsy Evans, Secretary (2024)

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