

Alpine Public Library Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

June 2, 2022

5:30 p.m.

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.

Members Present: Linda Bryant, Martin Sandate, Kathy Donnell, Ellen Ruggia, Chris Ruggia, Judy Bowers, Jaime Escuder; **Executive Director** Don Wetterauer
Absent: Mike Pallanex, Amelie Urbanczyk, Betsy Evans

A. Call to order at

B. Changes to agenda: add Amnesty Days, date of August meeting to New Business

C. Introduction of guests and announcements

1. Rick Stephens – previously built Alpine Food Pantry. Does not for profit and community support work. Oversaw building of Boeing corporate office in Washington, DC. Company name is Resnew Properties, which partners with owner of Big Bend Concrete for building. Motivated to save money for community nonprofits. Access to materials, skilled trades are local challenges. 8% fee structure, with billing based on completion of different elements, holding back 10% (instead of a bond). Project timeline estimated at 6 months if no supply chain issues.
Sprinkler system is a big question: APL's architect believes it is not required, Alpine's contracted building official believes that it is required. The City does not have sufficient water pressure so the issue is most likely moot, but the parties must reach agreement on the question before a contract can be signed.

2. Judy Ford was not present.

D. Minutes – approved unanimously.

E. There were no **Consent Agenda** materials distributed, they will be added to the August meeting.

F. Ongoing business

1. Contingency plan for construction money – foundations routinely ask if we have a contingency plan. The Board has previously discussed it and Don has done some preliminary work, but we need something more formal. One strategy is to postpone the Teen area and prioritize the Childrens' area. Discussion of how/whether the sprinkler question should be included in the contingency plan. Don will work with the Building Committee to finalize a document that can be shared with potential

fundes on request.

Motion: The Building Committee will examine the plans and itemize the elements that can be postponed in the case of a shortfall of funds. Moved by Judy Bowers, seconded by Bernadette. Passed unanimously.

2. **Contractor Decision** – Building Committee will investigate previous projects and invite the rest of the Board to tour the Food Pantry and a building by Big Bend Builders.
3. **Membership Drive** – Drive will be promoted by, among other things, a Table in the APL foyer, Poster, Newspaper press release, Radio appearances.
75th Birthday Party will have a history tie-in to the original El Progreso silver tea, Board should invite people with past ties to APL.
Auction of “Pronghorn” (painting made by Chris at Alpine’s Talented Stars”) is now online.

G. New business

1. **West Texas Rural Philanthropy Days, July 20th-22nd** – Don will attend and at least one other APL rep should also, and any of the Board are welcome to attend if interested.
2. **Amnesty of Fines** – Staff suggested giving amnesty for fines for the 75th anniversary.
Motion: APL will give amnesty for all local fines the month of June. Moved by Bernadette, seconded by Judy
Amended Motion: APL will give amnesty for all local fines the month of June by zeroing out all outstanding balances for local library materials. Moved by Jaime, seconded by Chris. Amendment passed unanimously, amended motion passed unanimously.
3. **Date of August meeting** – a change to Aug 18 was discussed, but the decision was to keep the meeting on Aug 11

Next meeting date: August 11, 2022 @ 5:30

Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm

2022 Board of Directors:

Linda Bryant, President (2024)

Betsy Evans, Vice President (2024) (absent) Amelie Urbanczyk, Secretary (2022) (absent)

Chris Ruggia, Friends of APL Representative

Mike Pallanez, Brewster Co. Representative (absent) Martin Sandate, City of Alpine Representative

Bernadette Devine (2024)

Kathy Donnell (2023)

Jaime Escuder (2023)

Ellen Ruggia (2024)

Judy Bowers (2024)

