

**Alpine Public Library Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2024**  
**5:30 PM**  
*Minutes transcribed from recording, July 11, 2024*  
**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:** Isabel Jones, Don Wetterauer, Mary Bennett, Linda Bryant, Judy Bowers, Maggie Bootman

**Board Members Excused:** Betsy Helesic

**A. Call to order** - Linda Bryant called the meeting to order following a presentation by the auditor.

**B. Changes to the agenda** - Linda Bryant provided some changes to the agenda, including the Zoom meeting to include the Auditor's report and an update that Board Member Maggie Bootman agreed to become the liaison between the Friends Committee and the Board. Much appreciation from the Board was shared. Linda Bryant asked for additional changes to the agenda and hearing none moved on to the introduction of guests and announcements.

**C. Introduction of guests and announcements** - Linda Bryant introduced her guest Suzy Salaya. Suzy has been a ReReads volunteer for a long time. She is considering joining the Board.

**D. Approve minutes** - Linda Bryant asked if there were any issues or changes for Consent Agenda or minutes. Mary Bennett moved to accept the Minutes and Consent Agenda as presented, Judy Bowers seconded. Passed.

**E. Consent Agenda** - A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was passed in the above item.

**F. New Business**

- 1. Resignations accepted** - Linda Bryant announced that both Marilyn Gruebel and Ralph Gruebel resigned. Marilyn resigned just after the May meeting, and Ralph resigned later on May 21. Linda asked everyone to consider recruiting for the Board.
- 2. New member applications** - The membership application for Suzy Salaya was included in the Consent Agenda. Linda Bryant asked if anyone had any questions for Suzy. Suzy provided background to those present and offered to answer any questions. Discussion took place. Linda Bryant excused Suzy for a possible motion to vote. Mary Bennett moved to accept her application and invite her to join the Board.

Maggie Bootman seconded. Passed. Linda Bryant welcomed Suzy back and welcomed her to the Board. Linda stated that Suzy would start attending as a Board Member in July and her official term would start January 2025.

3. **Fundraising** - Linda Bryant moved on to the next item. Judy Bowers asked if there was a potential for recurring fundraising and/or grant monies to fund an additional staff person specifically for fundraising initiatives. She offered to investigate that. Linda Bryant listed the annual fundraisers: Silent Auction, Dancing, and Alpine's Got Talent. She asked that folks consider new ideas. She would like everyone to bring two ideas to the July meeting. Additional discussion took place. Regarding the Silent Auction, additional work will need to be done by existing Board members following the resignation of Marilyn and Ralph Gruebel who had previously agreed to work on the auction. Linda noted that nobody has volunteered to coordinate the procurers (those who request donations). Mary Bennett recommended we get together to break down some of the bigger tasks and gain more help. There was agreement among the Board. The location of the 2024 Auction is still to be determined. Judy Bowers offered to host a meeting to discuss the Auction details further.
4. **Mural** - Linda Bryant emailed Pauline Hernandez to request a colorized version of her plan for the mural for the new renovation. The library can display it and fundraise internally for the mural.
5. **Alpine's Got Talent Report** - Linda Bryant presented a report noting the Alpine's Got Talent fundraising numbers were not nearly as good as they had been in the past. In total the event brought in \$3630. Roux donated the labor/cooking. Expenses were \$354.69. Profit was \$3275.31. \$425 has come from sponsors, Line Thai, Rasor Creative, and Highland Drug. \$2,850.31 should be coming from Benjamin Granada Alpine Social - but there has been no date for the check yet. Additional discussion took place.
6. **APL policy consideration - One member per family** - Linda Bryant recommended the Board review the policy manual and consider having only one Board member per family at a time. Discussion took place.

#### **G. Ongoing business**

1. **Direct Mail promotion debrief (also via email)** - Linda Bryant stated that it was not financially feasible to continue this type of fundraising. Don clarified that the permit was renewed in March and is good through March 2025. If the library chooses to utilize the City of Alpine to distribute a message to utility bill customers, the City of Alpine will take care of everything once the Library prints the messaging.
2. **Building Committee update** - There were no additional details to share aside from the tour will take place in item H.
3. **Endowment Committee formation (?)** - Linda Bryant reported that following Ralph Gruebel's departure, she would like the Board to work toward creating and staffing an Endowment Committee in the future. Mary Bennett volunteered to help move along the Endowment Committee sooner rather than later.

#### **H. Tour of the construction project**

**I. Next meeting date** - *The meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, July 11, but was rescheduled to Thursday, July 18 via email.*

**J. Adjournment** - Judy Bowers moved to adjourn and begin the tour. Isabel Jones seconded. Passed.

**2024 Board of Directors:**

Linda Bryant, President (2024)

Isabel Jones, Vice President (2025)

Vacant, Treasurer (2026)

Betsy Evans, Secretary (2024)

Mary Bennett (2025)

Judy Bowers (2024)

Maggie Bootman (2026)

Greg Henington, Brewster Co. Representative

Reagan Stone, City of Alpine Representative