

**Alpine Public Library Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2023**  
**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:** JE, JB, MB, IJ, MS, DW, LB, BH, CR, ER, KB on behalf of GH

**Members excused:** KD

**A. Call to order**

**B. Changes to agenda**

- LB added the upcoming Patio Sale to New Business - seeking volunteers (May 20, Saturday, from 8 AM to 1 PM)
- LB added Bids (DW will review them in Ongoing Business)
- LB removed Strategic Planning from this agenda - We'll have to review the existing plan and revise and move forward.
- LB pushed Auditor's Report to June, probably via Zoom

**C. Introduction of guests and announcements** - no guests or announcements

**D. Approve the minutes** - JB moves to accept minutes as presented. CR seconds. Passed.

**E. Consent Agenda** - Director's, Treasurer's and Friends' reports (if available)

- LB noted our Consent Agenda timeline has not given Board Members enough time for review of materials. BH will prompt everyone on the last week of each month for items and anything available in good time will be part of the Consent Agenda.

**F. Ongoing business**

**1. Direct Mail promotion** - CR says that letters are printed, reply cards printed soon. Judy Ford returns to town May 12. CR will have them to Judy the following Monday.

**2. Building Committee** - DW handed out documents put together by Rick Stephens to talk about Building Bids. Document outlines four options. DW wants Board to decide on the two contractors, which one we want to do the work: Rick Stephens and Big Bend Builders (Javier Vargas and Marco Rodriguez). CR asks if we are in position to accept a build before the sprinklers get sorted. DW says we can choose a

contractor now. CR moved that we work with Rick Stephens, MB seconds.  
Discussion. LB calls for a vote of the motion on the floor. Passed.

**3. Strategic Planning (SWOT Summary)** - LB moved this item to later in the summer.

#### **G. New business**

**1. Potential Auditor's Report via Zoom** - LB - this item moved to next meeting

**2. Bingo Fundraiser at Granada Theater** - CR - Benjamin (of the Granada) and CR were meeting about Dancing with the Stars event. Asked if FAPL would be interested in doing Bingo at the Library. He's trying to find out what the community wants. There are laws around Bingo. Nonprofits can get permits to do Bingo. BH and MB will volunteer to do this. CR will find out more about the expenses, requirements. CR moves that the Board tentatively approves the idea. And that we will find out more. JE seconds. Passed.

**3. Added to agenda, Patio Sale** - May 20. LB asks for volunteers. Last Patio Sale!! Typically approaches \$1000 raised. Friday volunteers needed 1-4 PM and Saturday morning starting at 8 AM. IJ, JB volunteer. Leftovers go to the Animal Shelter Thrift Store.

**H. Next meeting date:** June 8 - CR will take notes. BH will do the best she can and get assistance from Chris

**I. Adjournment** - ER moves to adjourn. JB seconds. Passed.

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