

Alpine Public Library, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

May 12, 2022

5:30 p.m.

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, Amelie Urbanczyk, Betsy Evans, Chris Ruggia, Ellen Ruggia, Jaime Escuder, Martin Sandate, Kathy Donnell, Ellen Ruggia, Judy Bowers; Executive Director Don Wetterauer.

Absent: *Mike Pallanex; Bernadette Devine*

The meeting was called to order by Linda Bryant at 5:30 p.m.

- A. **Changes to agenda-** discuss June meeting date
- B. **Announcements-** LB thinks we need to have a June meeting to have bid proposals reviewed; if no other bids come in then we will not have the June meeting; June 2nd will be the meeting date if we do have another bid
- C. **Introduction of guests** 1. Big Bend Builders (Javier Vargas and Marco Rodriguez)- no bid presented but a quick discussion about the project; window glazing may be a delayed because it needs to be ordered, same with acoustic tiles; delays are to be expected with materials due to our remote region; local examples of projects: Bella Dental, concrete work at SRSU Equine Center, Warnock Center; JE asks how long will it take without supply issues, Marco says no supply issues but scheduling contract workers will predict the timeline; will take 6-8 months to complete; BBB has been in business since 1999; doing a lot of renovations in Marfa; JE asked if they saw any red flags with the plan and the answer was no; BE asked about outsource code, any issues working with that?, he said no; JB would like to see references from the builders;
- D. **Minutes** - unanimously approved
- E. **Consent Agenda**-Director's, Treasurer's and Friends' reports
CR reports that we are working on the membership drive; flyers will go out with water bill, schools will distribute to teachers, all employees at Big Bend Telephone; ER had questions about financial report, Don will look into it; unanimously approved

F. Ongoing Business

1. **Building Committee Report-** DW— committee met last month and talked about some of the changes to the plan, increasing storage area and removing the tutoring rooms since they have since been constructed; met with Denelle the architect and she has made the changes, both contractors bidding on the project have the new plans; we have contract with Denelle that she will work with the contractor and with us, will charge us for travel, etc.; we need to make sure we are considering everything now because it is much easier to make changes now than when construction

is under way; DW has contacted foundations for funding, letter of inquiry with Abell-Hanger foundation, they are interested and would like us to submit an application; scheduled to phone conference with the King Foundation hoping to get them to ask us for a proposal; there are 5 foundations that may be good source for funding, all have been contacted; JE asks why we have so few contractor bids, DW says that he has had a hard time with bids since 2016... says folks don't call back; ultimately a good thing because it gave him time to think about the overall plan; money won't be here until the fall of 2022 or end of the year; DW says some foundations are reluctant to give money if construction has begun; DW says we still need to raise money;

2. Treasurer position remains open - JE asked 4 people and they all said no; BE moved that ER becomes treasurer in July, unanimous;

3. 75th Birthday party - date is June 16th, 5-7PM; will auction the painting that CR did at talent show; part of membership drive; JB offered to provide punch; KD says that Lee has an article that Eleanor Wilson wrote about the early library settlers, KD would like to invite relatives of some of these folks; she also needs more names between the early folks and the later folks; BE will look for history in the archives; JB asks who will attend... LB says regular patrons of the library who are active in events, volunteers, board members, heirs to the founders if we can find them; CR asks if we should have a band; more than cookies? Ellen suggests something savory; it was suggested that we bring the painting to the AEP room on easel the night of event; food and alcohol were further discussed; JB suggests bringing someone who may want to give a demonstration on how to construct a charcuterie board; JB suggests a sub-committee to plan the celebration; LB nominated JB to be on the committee; AU nominated BD in her absence, CR volunteered

G. New business

1. Need someone to volunteer to take minutes at June or July meeting. CR will take minutes;

2. Ft. Davis library wants to bring in a bee keeper for demonstration and wants to know if we would like to host the beekeeper, too, for \$350 per class, in July. Board feels we should not spend the money;

Next meeting announced: June 2, 2022 or July 14, 2022... @ 5:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amelie Urbanczyk, secretary
2022 APL Board of Directors