

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

November 11, 2021

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; Lee Smith; Amelie Urbanczyk; Bernadette Devine, John Roe; Kathy Donnell, Chris Ruggia, Ellen Ruggia, Martin Sandate, Executive Director Don Wetterauer. Absent: Mike Pallanez; Cynthia Salas; Jaime Escuder (excused)

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

- A. **Changes to agenda-** AU added the Building Committee report
- B. **Announcements:** a reminder was given to vote for the Permian Basin funding online; CR mentioned the Eisner Foundation has opened a grant cycle specifically for libraries through the ALA with \$4K going toward the graphic novel collection and \$1K for program support, as well as receiving \$1K worth of book; DW says we've applied for another \$1K grant for graphic novels; CR suggested that we advertise our programs on the KVLFF radio calendar and he spoke with Martin Benevich about this
- C. **Introduction of guests** - no guests
- D. **Minutes** from 10/14/21 approved unanimously
- E. **Consent Agenda-** passed unanimously
- F. **Ongoing Business** —

Board survey results - LB says that most members completed; survey revealed that board members feel:

*not enough diversity among the board;

*many "not sure" of how the board responds to community change... LB says that this is what the CFK is all about, addressing that teens need their own space away from adults (though visible).. discussed the floor plan for addressing this; ...funding...

*some problems with participation from the board, we need more, some are outstanding, some aren't,

*LB wants to be under construction by 75th anniversary in 2022;

*LB says that at bare minimum we should all be members of the Friends;

*written policies available? yes at the desk,

*everyone gets annual review every February, Don's is in December...

*board policy states that 4 unexcused absences from meetings a year you *may* be dismissed from the board... how should we resolve it? ... AU suggested that it become firmly a part of the policy; KD agrees; LS wonders about how numerous excused absences occur? ER suggests that a conversation then takes place in that case; in essence, after 5 excused absences in a calendar year the president must check with the board

member about their ability to be actively involved; ER and LB feels this needs to be discussed before you are elected to the board; absence policy does not include the city and county reps;

*need to broaden our volunteer base by diversity, numbers, and age;

*confirmed that insurance policy covers board members in the event of a lawsuit;

*LB says we must improve our fundraising capabilities for CFK and daily operations;

*CR noted that new people to the board wouldn't know some of the above discussed but because of this meeting they now do; LB says if you have questions there are policies available at the library and DW offered his assistance on anything; KD moved to make changes to policy, LS 2nd, it will be voted on next month and will be part of the agenda;

ReReads evaluation report - KD gave a report of the viability of ReReads, feels that ReReads revenue warrants its existence, and it is also a service to the community, dovetails with mission of the library to have life long learners, etc., but also notes that the space is not ideal for kids/teens; BD agrees that ReReads is a good thing to keep, especially regarding the service it provides; KD comments on the protocol of where the books go (some go to the stacks, some go to the jail, etc...) to exemplify the role ReReads plays outside of its retail space.

Community Reading - Community discussion— grant period ended at the end of October, report due at end of December, successful day, good turn-out, the big take away from the community discussion was that there is a lack of communication about healthcare resources; in response, it was decided that the library will host as an information clearinghouse, with most info coming from BBRHC and other providers in the area, they will keep it updated, paper copies will be available but will also be on our website; CR says it can be linked from the city and visitors website as well;

Building committee report — change to the agenda; BE says they met in the end of September, nice to get everyone together, received feedback, everyone is excited but nervous, the younger participants says that there is talk at the HS about it and they think its a good idea; BE likes the 75th anniversary tie-in;

Silent Auction - KD shows the sign-up list for volunteers, BD thinks there needs to be a sign that states its an auction to benefit the Alpine Public Library; LS says there is a vinyl sign that we might be able to use; CR says he could ask Printco to donate a sign if needed; KD reminds everyone to bring beer and wine for wheelbarrow fundraiser; KD and LB will be there 9-6 or 7 on Thursday;

F. **New business**

1. Budget; DW is getting the budget ready, preliminary copy at the December meeting to discuss and then we will approve in January

2. Current audit - DW says 990 must be filed by 11/15 and it will be filed on time— he'll come to our board meeting and present but no date set;

3. Discuss moving Jamieson endowment to CFK to reach our 1/2 goal; DW wants to wait to discuss this until JE can vote... tabled until December meeting

4. Holiday hours - staff gets off for holidays but we want to keep the library open for the public... LB volunteers to work desk and KB volunteers to work rereads... 12/22, 12/23, 12/27-12/30, 1:30-5:30 pm... need more volunteers;

Next meeting announced: December 9, 2021, at 5:30 —vote on policy changes and budget.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amelie Urbanczyk, secretary
2021 APL Board of Directors