

Alpine Public Library Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 14, 2024
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.

Board Members Present: Betsy Helesic, Linda Bryant, Don Wetterauer, Maggie Bootman, Kay Tscheyka, Cathy Lammons, Susie Celaya

Board Members Excused: Isabel Jones, Judy Bowers

A. Call to order

B. Changes to the agenda - Linda Bryant shared a note from Martha Latta. Martha Latta has taken care of outside landscaping and following in the footsteps of Edy Elfring by taking care of the indoor plants. Nan Hatty Edwards has offered to take care of the library's plants and both Martha and Nan Hatty recommend selling off some of the cacti at the Buy it Now table. Discussion took place. It was recommended that cactus be sold at the Buy it Now table.

C. Introduction of guests and announcements

- 1. Guest Martha Latta** - Martha sent a note instead of joining as an in-person guest. See above.

D. Approve minutes - Linda Bryant asked members present to discuss the minutes. Kay Tscheyka moved to approve the minutes as presented. Cathy Lammons seconded. Passed.

E. Consent Agenda - Linda Bryant asked everyone to discuss the Consent Agenda. Discussion took place. Maggie Bootman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kay Tscheyka seconded. Passed.

F. New Business

- 1. New construction open house - Linda Bryant** - Linda Bryant shared that the construction part of the renovation is now complete. Don Wetterauer added that there is still a punch list. Linda Bryant said that an Open House is set for Wednesday December 11, from 4 to 6 PM. Kay Tscheyka and Betsy Helesic will be out of town. Cookies and other snacks are requested. A trio will play music. Kay Tscheyka will promote it at Art Walk. Don Wetterauer will go on the radio to announce it as well.
- 2. Holiday open hours - Linda Bryant** - Linda Bryant explained the tradition of Board Members covering holiday open hours so that APL staff can take more time off for the holidays. She passed out the sign-up sheet.

- 3. Vote on slate of officers - Linda Bryant** - Linda Bryant stated that the Board will be voting next month. Current nominations include: Maggie Bootman for President, Isabel Jones for Vice President, Susie Celaya as Treasurer, and Kay Tscheyka as Secretary. Anyone else is welcome to make a nomination.

G. Ongoing business

- 1. Cleaning Contract - Don** shared that because we have new space, we needed a new contract. So we worked on a proposal that includes specific needs for cleaning. Discussion took place and decision-making will be pushed to early 2025.
- 2. Silent Auction assistance - Linda Bryant** - Linda Bryant shared about opportunities to volunteer with the Silent Auction.
- 3. New addition designation and guidelines - Linda Bryant** - No additional news on this item.
- 4. Building Construction update - Don Wetterauer** - No additional news on this item.
- 5. Library Friendship Support - Linda Bryant** - No additional news on this item.
- 6. Nominating Committee - Linda Bryant** - Linda Bryant covered this in Item H(3) above.
 - a. Nominations for offices in 2025**
 - b. Leaving the Board/term expirations**
- 7. Fundraising - All of us**
 - a. Giving Tuesday (after Thanksgiving)** - Linda Bryant encouraged everyone to promote Giving Tuesday.
 - b. Citi Bank email voting (usually during Silent Auction time)** - Linda Bryant encouraged everyone to participate in this opportunity.
 - c. Dancing with Big Bend's Stars** - Linda Bryant shared that a planning meeting will take place next Monday (November 18) at 2:30 PM. Kay Tscheyka organized this meeting. Maggie Bootman will attend.
 - d. Other ideas** - Linda Bryant encouraged everyone to continue to think about other fundraising ideas.
- 8. Handyman needed - Don Wetterauer** - Don Wetterauer shared that he is still seeking assistance finding a handyman.
- 9. Re-Grand Opening - Linda Bryant** - No additional news on this item.
- 10. Endowment Committee formation** - Tabled until after library move - we will look at that at the first of the year.
- 11. Mail Promotion in Utility Bills** - Tabled until after library move - we will look at that at the first of the year.

H. Next meeting date is Thursday, December 12.

I. Adjournment - Betsy Helesic moved to adjourn. Maggie Bootman seconded. Passed.

2024 Board of Directors:

Linda Bryant, President (2024)
Isabel Jones, Vice President (2025)
Susie Celaya, Treasurer (2027)
Betsy Evans, Secretary (2024)

Cathy Lammons (2027)

Kay Tscheyka (2027)

Judy Bowers (2024)

Maggie Bootman (2026)

Greg Henington, Brewster Co. Representative

Reagan Stone, City of Alpine Representative