

Alpine Public Library Board of Directors Minutes
October 13, 2022
5:30 p.m.
AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

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, Betsy Evans, Judy Bowers, Amelie Urbanczyk, Isabel Jones; Executive Director Don Wetterauer

Absent: *Mike Pallanex, Martin Sandate, Jaime Escuder, Kathy Donnell, Ellen Ruggia, Chris Ruggia, and Judy Ford*

A. Call to order at 5:32pm

B. Changes to agenda - moved Cyndi Salas' visit as potential board member to November agenda due to absence

C. Introduction of guests and announcements - no guests present

D. Minutes – approved unanimously.

E. Consent Agenda -Director's, Treasurer's, and Friends' reports accepted/approved

F. Ongoing business

1. Building Committee chair position - remains unfulfilled, requirements discussed; the position involves someone to gather information from various arms of the project and make a report to the board

2. Site Superintendent position -

3. Building Committee report from Don: \$300K worth of grants in the process, will know something in November or December; up to \$100K for furniture from Tocker Foundation, Denelle is working with them for us; two more grants are being applied for: Stillwater Foundation and Meadows Foundation; everyone so far has been very positive regarding the proposals, now we wait for their boards to meet and approve to fund; Sprinkler system: plans have been submitted to building inspector of Alpine and he still insists that we need a sprinkler system, Rick and Don are going to meet with him in person to argue the case that the system isn't necessary. According to Denelle, the library building must be over 15K squ. ft to mandate a sprinkler system and we are ~\$12K squ. ft.; a new sprinkler system would cost thousands of dollars;

3. \$10K matching grant - reviewed flyer and poster put together by the Ruggias; Sunday, 10/16, will start the campaign; advertising will include PSA on KRTS, local radio, flyers, social media; online donations will be possible; discussed noted incentives for donations;

4. Board self-evaluation - we will start strategic plan in January so we really need board evaluations; Amelie to send out a reminder to turn them in;

5. Materials review policy update - ad hoc committee, from Betsy Evans: right on track to review policy and make changes; social media policy incorporated; beefed up current policy

on selections, how the ED makes selections and if not the ED, how someone would make selections; JB liked the part about the availability of potentially controversial material should not indicate support for the position by the library; BE will remove the portion that refers to audio recording because we do not include these in the collection; policy changes approved;

G. New business

1. Resignation of Bernadette Devine
2. Board discussion and vote for member candidate - tabled until November due to candidate's absence
3. Art Walk Silent Auction - volunteers needed!
4. Center for Big Bend Studies asks if we will have a table at their annual conference; 11/11 & 11/12 - 8:30-3PM on Friday and 8:00 to 5:00 on Saturday; Amelie to send out information with a time schedule to the board to weigh interest and availability in working the table

H. **Next meeting date:** November 10, 2022, at 5:30 PM

I. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

2022 Board of Directors:

Linda Bryant, President (2024)

Betsy Evans, Vice President (2024)

Amelie Urbanczyk, Secretary (2022)

Judy Ford (2025)

Chris Ruggia, Friends of APL Representative

Mike Pallanez, Brewster Co. Representative

Martin Sandate, City of Alpine Representative

Isabel Jones (2025)

Kathy Donnell (2023)

Jaime Escuder (2023)

Ellen Ruggia (2024)

Judy Bowers (2024)