

**Alpine Public Library Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 9, 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:** Kay Tscheyka, Maggie Bootman, Susie Celeya, Linda Bryant, Don Wetterauer, Isabel Jones, Betsy Helesic, Judy Bowers

**Board Members Excused:** Cathy Lammons

**A. Call to order** - Linda Bryant called the meeting to order.

**B. Changes to the agenda** - Linda Bryant asked for changes to the agenda. Linda Bryant shared changes: Add “cleaning contract” to the agenda. Betsy Helesic will add it to New Business. Betsy Helesic also added notes shared via email by Reagan Stone. Linda Bryant announced a training for new Board Members that needs to take place for an hour on Tuesday, October 15.

**C. Introduction of guests and announcements** - Linda Bryant announced she expects to graduate more than twelve citizens this year.

**D. Approve minutes** - Linda Bryant asked for an approval of last meeting’s minutes. Discussion took place. Kay Tscheyka moved to approve minutes as corrected. Betsy needs to fix the members present to reflect full names. Susie Celeya seconded. Passed.

**E. Consent Agenda** - Linda Bryant asked for an approval of the Consent Agenda. Discussion took place. Maggie Bootman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Judy Bowers seconded. Passed.

**F. New Business**

1. **Silent Auction assistance** - Linda Bryant presented about needs for the Silent Auction. Discussion took place about the location and acceptance window for donations. Linda Bryant requested for everyone to solicit donations and reminded Board members to bring beer and wine on or before Friday. Donations will be accepted until noon on Saturday.
2. **New addition designation and guidelines** - Linda Bryant brought up the need to review/update signage for the building additions, specifically the Teen space. Susie Celeya suggests that we call it Teen Zone and go from there. This was met with agreement from the Board. Linda Bryant also presented the recommendation to name the Teen Space after Eleanor Wilson or her husband and son, and the

Children's Room after former staff member Nicole. Betsy Helesic asked about the timeline for naming these spaces. Kay Tscheyka moved to make plaques to honor the Wilsons and Nicole, attached to a financial contribution. Judy Bowers seconded. Passed.

3. Cleaning Contract - Linda Bryant requested to add this to New Business. *Betsy Helesic, in writing up the minutes, does not recall if we talked about this. She will add it to the Ongoing Business of November's meeting.*

#### **G. Ongoing business**

1. **Building Construction update** - Don Wetterauer - tabled until next meeting.
2. **Library Friendship Support** - Linda Bryant - tabled until next meeting.
3. **Nominating Committee** - Linda Bryant sought official nominations (below) and said the Board will vote on officer positions at the November meeting.
  - a. **Nominations for offices in 2025**
    - i. Kay Tscheyka will consider running for Secretary. No additional nominations were made.
    - ii. Maggie Bootman will consider running for President No additional nominations were made.
    - iii. Susie Celaya will remain Treasurer. Her term is not up.
    - iv. Isabel Jones will remain Vice President. Her term is not up.
4. **Fundraising - All of us** - Linda Bryant described upcoming fundraising opportunities:
  - a. **Giving Tuesday (after Thanksgiving)**
  - b. **Citi Bank email voting (usually during Silent Auction time) - tabled until November.** *The voting link is already up!*
  - c. **Dancing with Big Bend's Stars** - Kay Tscheyka reported that she has contacted the organizers for a meeting.
  - d. **Other ideas**
5. **Handyman needed** - Don Wetterauer - tabled until next meeting.
6. **Re-Grand Opening** - Linda Bryant - tabled until next meeting.
7. **Endowment Committee formation** - Linda Bryant - tabled until after grand re-opening.
8. **Mail Promotion in Utility Bills** - Linda Bryant - tabled until next meeting.

**H. Next meeting date is Thursday, November 14, 2024.** Judy Bowers requested to Zoom in to the meeting.

**I. Adjournment** - Isabel Jones 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