

**Alpine Public Library Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**  
**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.

**Members Present:** Don Wetterauer, Linda Bryant, Betsy Helesic, Judy Bowers, Marilyn Gruebel, Ralph Gruebel, Martin Sandate, Isabel Jones, Mary Bennett, Greg Henington, Chris Ruggia

**Members Excused:** Kathy Donnell, Ellen Ruggia

**A. Call to order:** Linda Bryant called the meeting to order. She thanked the Board for changing the meeting date.

**B. New business:** Linda Bryant asked if there was new business. Betsy Helesic reported that there may be changes to the agenda. Linda Bryant moved on to agenda changes.

**C. Changes to agenda:** Linda Bryant reported that there would be no direct mail promotion report at this meeting. She asked if there were any additional changes. None reported.

**D. Introduction of guests and announcements:** None to report.

**E. Approve the minutes:** Marilyn Gruebel asked a question to clarify her term on the Board. Clarification and correction made. Judy Bowers moved to approve the meeting minutes as corrected. Marilyn Gruebel seconded. Passed.

**F. Consent Agenda:** Linda Bryant asked if there was any discussion over the Consent Agenda. Chris Ruggia offered a verbal Friends Report. The Friends met the day before. Chris Ruggia reported that the Friends are planning the next Dancing/Talent event to take place February 10, 2024 at the Granada. Marilyn Gruebel reported on Silent Auction planning progress. Discussions about the auction location are ongoing. Volunteer opportunities will be made available at a September 17 meeting. The next Friends meeting is in person in December. Elections for officers will take place at the December meeting. The group is in need of a full slate of officers. Kathy, Chris, and Ellen will not be renewing. Nominating Committee ongoing. Last, the Friends group is proposing to adjust bylaws to give more flexibility in future elections. Linda Bryant made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Mary Bennet seconds. Passed.

**G. Ongoing business**

1. **Building Committee** - Linda Bryant reported that there is a building contract for study, review, and vote, if motion is made. Linda read the contract to the Board.

Discussion took place. Mary Bennett moved to approve the contract following the recommended edits. Judy Bowers seconded. Passed. Linda Bryant reported she will be signatory on our behalf. The group briefly celebrated this big accomplishment.

2. **Strategic Planning Update:** Linda Bryant brought to attention the new draft of strategic plan. Discussion took place. Linda Bryant reported that the Strategic Planning Committee would convene again to incorporate feedback. She urged everyone to send additional comments via email.

**H. Next meeting date** - Thursday, October 12.

**I. Adjournment:** Marilyn Gruebel moved to adjourn. Isabel Jones seconded. Passed.

**2023 Board of Directors:**

Linda Bryant, President (2024)

Isabel Jones, Vice President (2025)

Ellen Ruggia, Treasurer (2024)

Betsy Evans, Secretary (2024)

Kathy Donnell (2023)

Mary Bennett (2025)

Judy Bowers (2024)

Marilyn Gruebel (2026)

Ralph Gruebel (2026)

Chris Ruggia, Friends of APL Representative

Greg Henington, Brewster Co. Representative

Martin Sandate, City of Alpine Representative