

Alpine Public Library Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 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.

Present = RS, IJ, KL, SC, Bootman, KT, DW, BH

Excused = Jbowers

A. Call to order - Linda Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

B. Changes to the agenda - Linda Bryant asked members present for changes to the agenda. Don Wetterauer corrected the Agenda noting that the fundraiser after Thanksgiving is “Giving Tuesday” and “Permian Basin Gives” is in February.

C. Introduction of guests and announcements - Linda Bryant introduced guest Rick Stephens, our contractor for the renovation. Rick Stephens gave a building update and a brief tour to members present. Rick Stephens shared that all inspections have passed and a certificate of occupancy would be issued on Friday, September 27.

D. Approve minutes - Linda Bryant asked for review and approval of the minutes from the September meeting. Reagan Stone moved to accept the minutes as presented. Susie Celeya seconded. Passed.

E. Consent Agenda - Linda Bryant asked if anyone had any comments on the Consent Agenda. Reagan Stone moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Maggie Bootman seconded. Passed.

F. New Business

- 1. Resignation received** - Linda Bryant reported that Mary Bennett resigned effective prior to the September meeting.
- 2. Re-Grand Opening** - Linda Bryant shared that the Re-Grand Opening will be planned for when the entire renovation project is complete, potentially near the end of October.
- 3. Library Friendship Support** - Linda Bryant shared that she would like to garner support of ‘friends’ of the Library. Susie Celeya asked how the group was managed. Discussion took place. It was recommended that the library offer an electronic registration form option and the potential to look into using PayPal account to connect a sustaining donation. It was also recommended that we incorporate information about the Friends in the Utility mailer.

4. **Nominating Committee** - Linda Bryant shared that she and Betsy Helesic would be rolling off the Board in December 2024. Judy Bowers' term expires as well, but hopefully she is planning to stay for a second term of three years. Linda Bryant serves as President and Betsy Helesic as Secretary and both positions will need to be re-filled.
 - a. **Nominations for offices in 2025**
 - b. **Leaving the Board/term expirations**
5. **Fundraising - All of us** - Linda Bryant reported that funds are needed. She is challenging the Board to brainstorm great ideas for fundraising.
 - a. **Permian Basin Gives (after Thanksgiving)**
 - b. **Citi Bank email voting (usually during Silent Auction time)** - Discussion took place about how to increase votership in this fundraising effort.
 - c. **Dancing with Big Bend's Stars** - Organized by friends, this event will take place the first weekend in March rather than the last weekend in February. Library Board needs to set an initial meeting. Kay Tscheyka volunteered to set a meeting with the organizers prior to Art Walk. Linda Bryant will put them in touch.
 - d. **Other ideas** - Linda Bryant asked for other ideas. Kay Tscheyka offered an idea related to a bicycle pedicab. Maggie Bootman offered an idea for February: Library Lovers day, where the library could offer donuts and community coffee with a tip jar.
 - e. **Silent Auction added** - The location for Silent Auction will be the former Guzzi Up building.
 - f. **Handyman needed** - Don Wetterauer reported that the Library is seeking a new handyman. Kay Tscheyka has someone in mind to contact.

G. Ongoing business

1. **Mural** - Linda Bryant and Don Wetterauer shared the mural concept from Pauline Hernandez. A contract has not yet been signed. Discussion took place about the proposal. Betsy Helesic moved that Linda Bryant communicate to the artist we're looking for more affordable and simple. Kay Tscheyka seconded. Passed.
2. **Building Construction update** - Don Wetterauer reiterated points made during the Library tour led by Rick Stephens at the top of the meeting.
3. **Endowment Committee formation - tabled until after library move**
4. **Mail Promotion in Utility Bills** - Betsy Helesic moved to table this item until the next meeting.

H. Next meeting date is Thursday, October 10, 2024

I. Adjournment - Maggie Bootman moved to adjourn the meeting. Isabel Jones 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