

Alpine Public Library Board Meeting
January 15, 2026 Minutes

Present: Don, Susie, Rick, Kay, Kathy J, Judy

Kay called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

December Minutes: Susie made the motion to approve the December 16th minutes and Judy seconded. Motion approved.

Directors Report: We are working on upgrades and buying new equipment for integrated technology with the reimbursable Soccoro grant from which we have received an additional \$8000. Additional expenses will be covered out of our WTNB account and reimbursed as the grant money comes in. At present we have 6 GED students and one only lacks passing his Math test. We are actively recruiting more students for the GED Program.

Financial Report: As of the end of the calendar year our revenue is short but our expenses are lower due to a shortage of employees. Our utilities are on target. We have received \$25000 of the Scorro Grant from July thru June. We received another \$8000 due to their different fiscal year. The new payment per month from the city is \$3750 but they are still behind in monthly payments. The City still owes \$7000 for their fiscal year. The County is 3 months behind in their payments and owe \$12,000. A new contract has been signed with the county but there has been no plan as to how the shortage will be handled. Rick will talk with the County Judge to clarify the situation.

Judy made the motion to approve the reports, Rick seconded. Motion approved.

New Business:

1. There will be another fundraiser at Spicewood on January 23rd. They will donate 50% of the breakfast & lunch Specials ordered. Kathy J is managing the fundraiser. Kay asked Kathy J to own this type of fundraiser with other businesses such as Vice, Scoops & Cow Dog. We would all work on the project but Kathy J would be the front person then delegate what needed to be done. Kathy J tentatively agreed.
2. Kay presented Putt Putt Golf as a fundraiser. We can do 18 holes in our building and ask businesses to sponsor holes for a fee. We could charge \$5 per person & \$25 per family. Casey has suggested the first weekend in June right after the kids get out of school & before families leave on vacations. It would also be the weekend she would register kids for the summer reading program. We would set up on Friday from 5-7. Open Saturday 10-6. We could have an adult tournament from 7-9 & beer could be served. Sunday we would open 12-5. A grill could be set up to cook hot dogs during the fundraiser. Kay would spearhead the project. This

fundraiser has been done by many Libraries over the years and Casey has experience with it. This was approved for further discussion.

3. We do not have a Succession Plan in place so Kay has sent some information to each board member to review. It is prudent for the Board to have a plan including succession, governance & financial plan if the director leaves for any reason. There is good reference material on boards available in the library for research. This will be an important topic for our next meeting.
4. We need more members for the Board. Kay feels possible members should understand that they do not have to volunteer at the library or ReReads in order to be on the Board. We need forward thinking people with ideas for the future of the library.

Ongoing Business

5. Fundraising: Possible fundraising is partnering with companies who sell food, candy or blubs. Another is a Rain Barrel fundraiser through a Non-Profit Canadian company who salvages 55 gallon barrels from the landfill & makes them into water catchment barrels complete with filter & spigot. The problem is we would have to sell at minimum 50 barrels before they would be transported here so it could mean 3 months wait for delivery & the profit margin would not be good enough. This was taken off the list for now.
6. There is a person who wants to make a \$1000 donation & wants something named at the library for the donation. It was determined that it is not a large enough donation to name a room in the library. An outdoor bench was suggested as a good possibility. It was suggested that a list be made of naming options in & around the library with an amount requested for the honor.
7. The motion to adjourn was made by Judy, Suzie seconded. Motion approved. Adjourned 6:17 pm. Next meeting February 19th.