

## Arkport Public Library

### Board Minutes of April 14, 2022

The meeting of the library board opened at 6:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees were Director Cathy Smith, and Board Members Joanne Bisson, Marg Wagner, President Patty Amidon, and Terry Pullman. Nesi Reisman was also in attendance. The agenda was adopted.

#### **Old Business**

A motion to approve February's minutes without corrections was made by Marge and seconded by Joanne, all in favor. It was noted that there was no meeting in March as a quorum was not available.

A discussion of masks in the library led to a decision to keep an eye on county health and leave the wearing of masks to patron discretion at this time.

It was noted that the legal ad appeared in the newspaper for the Arkport Central School budget vote, which is also for the library budget vote. Trustees Carol Burns, for a term 7/1/22—6/30/26 and Patty Amidon for a term 7/1/22—6/0/26, are also up for reelection. This vote is scheduled from 11 am until 8 pm on Tuesday, May 17.

In other old business, it was noted that construction plans are on hold until monies are received.

The summer reading program is being planned as an individual event, where activities are tailored for individual achievement. This is due to expected construction which would limit interior space availability.

Cathy reported that the Girl Scout visit never happened. Terry will check into this.

#### **New Business**

Terry presented the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Joanne and second by Marge, all in favor.

Cathy presented the director's report. An average of 45 people visited each month, and six donations were accepted. The computer has not been returned due to unavailable necessary parts.

It was announced by Patty that Cathy is ready to step back from the library director duties. Brian has provided Patty with a template for the director position. This will be shared with each board member in order that we may determine our wishes for the person hired for that position and tailor our posting.

Patty will work on the website for the library.

Patty would like us to add Juneteenth (June 19) to legal days off. We will vote on this at the next meeting.

As the buy of the library building from the Village, some of the information in the contract was incorrect. Patty has gone over the wording and made corrections. Tom Dugo asked her to "hang on", as the Village was concluding negotiations with the water company. George Prete is now mayor, and Patty is a trustee,

so she is recusing herself from further negotiations with the Village and has asked Terry to take over that role.

Our mission statement has already been greed up0on. We reviewed it, liked it, and will make no changes. It reads: "The Arkport Public Library exists to provide quality service to the residents of the Arport Central School District in an open and non-judgmental environment with free access to library materials in a variety of formats."

There was no public expression.

Motion to adjourn by Terry at 7:02, with a second by Marge. All in favor.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12 at 6pm.