

Arkport Public Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2023

Meeting called to Order at 5:57 by President Patty Amidon at the home of board member Terry Pullman as the Library is closed for renovation  
All pledged allegiance to our Country.  
Members present, Cody Herman, Pattie Amidon, Terry Pullman, Carol Burns, Joanne Bisson, Marge Wagner,

Approval of March 2023 minutes was tabled.

President, Patty declared an executive session at 6:00 to discuss a personnel issue. Executive session closed at 6:15.

Old Business: Gardening project is on going with seedlings started, Cody is working on getting supplies for the beds. Tai Chi program, Cody and Patty are working with the instructor. Program will run for 10 weeks, July 7<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day, giving vacation time. OFA has volunteers who will work at any of the projects. Story hour will be held in the summer and readers will be volunteers.

Policies for the Library: Cody reported that they will be completed in the next couple weeks and the board will be able to review them and be ready for a vote on May 11 board meeting.

A reminder to Vote on May 16 for the school budget and Library budget of \$37,531.00 (an increase of \$959-2%). Joanne Bissons term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 will also be voted on at that time.

New Business: Terry presented the treasure's report which is on file. A motion by Carol and seconded by Marge the report be approved.

Directors report: It's been a very busy time with renovations. Many perks have enhanced the project. Contractor Chris O and Rex have discovered ways to improve the plans and hold tight to the budget.

Summer Programs: Cody met with Brooke who will be instructing in May for Healthy Eating and Budget Meals. Tentatively May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Working with educator from CCE for planting. Costs down for garden boxes

and compost from Chris O. Can use volunteers to build boxes, mix soil transport materials. Have had seed donated.

Story Hours are being planned and adapted from STLS source material For project “Grow with Us” Looking for the volunteers for reading.

Seeds are started, peppers, tomatoes, egg plants, flowers.

Weekly meeting planned to work with artists and volunteers who would be interested in working to enhance the Library. A tour was suggested to Phelps Flower Business on Eveland RD.

An instructor who teaches Spanish can be worked into a program as there are many opportunities to communicate better with families in the area.

Promotion and Media: Newspaper reporter to be contacted when construction is completed for a story. An open house will be planned for the Library reopening May 1. Face book interactions are up. Website trial will be held before purchasing. Looking for historical pictures of the building as a fire station from Arkport citizens. A program of pictures of progression of construction will be shown in the Library.

New hours for the Library being open was discussed. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:00 to 6:30. Friday 11:00 to 4:00. Library will be closed until May 1, 2023 for continuing renovations.

Public comments: Praise for all that director Cody has done to make this dream of a Public Library come to fruition.

Next Board meeting is May 11, 2023. All meetings are open to the Public. June meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marge and seconded by Terry.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Burns