

Arkport Public Library  
Board Minutes of February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 by President Patty Amidon.

Pledge to the flag was recited by all.

Members present: Cody Herman, Joanne Bisson, Marge Wagner, Patty Amidon, and Terry Pullman.  
Absent Carol Burns. Guest: Beau Mauro

Motion was made by Marge and seconded by Joanne to approve the January minutes.

### **Old Business**

Carol had an update on the property survey for our library. We own very little along our building, and we do not own the walnut tree which is hanging over our roof. There is room for adding an ADA compliant access space at the back door, and room for two garden beds this year. Adjustments will be made. We may have to request the tree branches removed before work on the roof begins next year. Thank to Carol for finding this information for us.

### **New Business**

Director report: Statistics for the month are on file.

The Wednesday Library Planning meetings have been successful in detailing program needs. There are plans to co-host John Babbit's presentation with the Historical Society. This will focus on the Canisteo River, will take place on the afternoon of May 22. Dorothy Dunham is assisting the planning.

Sam Warren will return to present two programs in April and (probably) July. One will be on mushroom inoculation and another will be a guided nature walk to identify plants.

The Art Club is now being divided into two age groups, the under 12 and over 12. Each week will have a DIY lesson, with recommended books to checkout.

Seeds have been ordered through the COSAC mini-grant for the Garden Club. Planning for planting beginning in mid-March.

We have secured a graphic design intern for this summer. She will work on producing a letterhead and website for our library.

Cody plans to have a newsletter out through the mail before the budget vote, and is planning to file our Annual Update Document with the state by the end of this month. Patty will then send our funding request to the school for the May vote. There was some discussion as to how much above the 2% allowed by the state we can ask. Cody would like his hours increased enough for administrative time in his schedule. Terry will take a look and report on how much the required payroll increase takes from the

allowed 2% raise and suggest a reasonable request greater than the 2%. Marge asked what board member needs to be voted in this year, and expressed concern at the five year term. Patty said she would research our schedule.

Terry shared the treasurer's report.

We noted that we still need a confirmation of payment by Chris Ogorzalek, that NFG needs to check to see if we are using any gas, and on what if we are, and that our newsletter needs to include credit for what we have been able to do with money not funded directly by our taxpayers: the construction grant, the mini-grants, the donations, and memorial monies.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 6:15 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. Motion by Terry, seconded by Marge.