

Arkport Public Library

Board Minutes of June 8, 2023

The regular board meeting of the Arkport Public Library was called to order at 4:15 by President Patty Amidon. Members present: Cody Herman, Director; Patty Amidon, Terry Pullman, Carol Burns. Members Absent: Joanne Bisson and Marge Wagner.

Old Business

Plans were finalized for the Library Open House and Retirement celebration for Cathy Smith on June 13, 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Cathy was director for twenty years. She was director of the Arkport Village Book Center then saw the process of the many changes that took place to become a Public Library. Cathy was a friend of the many children that passed through the door for Reading Time from Miss Lisa's Child Care. She went from the borrowing card system to the computer system. She planned for Community Summer programs and each holiday. We celebrate Cathy's commitment to the Library and Community of Arkport. THANK YOU CATHY!

Marge will get flowers and bring her punch bowl.

Terry to bring punch ingredients.

Patty to borrow shears and ribbon from chamber of Commerce for ribbon cutting at 5:15 on the 13th.

Carol to get card for retirement and sympathy as Joanne's Mother passed.

Brian from WLEA will be on site for the celebration.

STLS, Marjorie Byrnes, District Congress representative have received invitations.

Linda and Tom Matkovic books have arrived and will be focused in the celebration.

New Business

The next phase of construction will be discussed between Cody and Chris on June 16th. The roof is the next major project also, a raised porch on the side of the building.

Cody will be writing a small grant in August. Purchase of a white board will be included in the next grant. Incidentals need to be purchased for daily upkeep.

The Black Walnut tree in the back yard is inhibiting the progress of the raised garden beds as their run off is a poison for other plantings. Gardens will be moved to a safe area around the building.

Patty discussed Cooperative Extension's availability of volunteers to help with our projects as there are staff shortages in the department.

The Library website will suggest opportunities for Memorials and Gifts honoring deceased family and friends.

Yard needs to be mowed.

A back up plan has to be implemented for emergencies when someone employed can't be at work.
Possibly a volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.