

Arkport Public Library
Board Minutes of May 11, 2023

Meeting called to order by V. President Joanne Bisson at the Library at 6:00 pm.

All pledged allegiance to the flag.

Members present: Cody Herman, Director; Joanne Bisson, Terry Pullman, Marge Wagner, Carol Burns. Patty Amidon was present at 7:00 pm.

Cody made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 13th meeting.

Old Business

OFA volunteers are available for our summer projects. Forms have to be submitted as to what each person will be responsible for. There is a template available for Cody to follow.

Policies we have on file are complete except for our long range plan which will be discussed a future meeting.

There was a reminder to vote on May 16 for the budget and for Joanne to be elected to the Board for a term of 7/1/2023-6/30/2027.

New Business

A motion was made by Marge and seconded by Carol to accept the Treasurer's report.

Director's Report: Reported that the Summer program at Arkport School will be 4 weeks Monday-Thursday. The school library will be closed at that time. The Public Library will be open and filling in with story hour and available time for students to become acquainted with what the Public Library has to offer. There's \$67.00 in the equipment fund in the budget and will be used for software. Greenhouse expenses are paid. Cody is "weeding" old fiction. The shelving will be cut down and the remaining shelves will have castors so they can be moved as space is needed. Money left from the ARPA grant will be used for WiFi.

Marge reported that former Arkport School Superintendent Colleen Weekly sent out-dated book to Lois Dungan to distribute in the mission field.

The Library has received 58 new books. Cody described that the School Year Books and local authors would be displayed in the front of the Library.

Lois Dungan has a new book of her work with the deaf in Jamaica which she will donate to the Library.

The Memorial book in memory of Jennifer Kilbury is in.

Cody and Board will put together a list of furniture and detail supplies to complete the renovation. Art work and personal additions will be welcome to be on display.

Grand opening and celebration of Cathy Smith's retirement will be held on June 13 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. A ribbon cutting will be held at 5 p.m. with the Arkport mayor, and Board. A plaque will be purchased and on display at the Library honoring Cathy and her many years as Director.

Linda Wehling Matkovic, former resident of Arkport and daughter of Ernie and Elsie Wehling long time residents and active community members, has published children's books, The Amazing Adventure series. These will be on display for the opening. Patty will purchase them.

A discussion for the invitations and refreshment was held, Terry will get the invitations, Patty will have the scissors, ribbon and contact the media for news coverage of the event. Carol to get cake and punch.

Next Meeting is June 15, at 4 p.m.

Motion by Marge and seconded by Terry to adjourn at 7:30 pm.