

Arkport Public Library
Board Meeting
November 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:15 by President Patty Amidon.

Pledge to the flag recited by all

Members present:

Cody Herman, Carol Burns, Joanne Bisson, Marge Wagner, Patty Amidon, Terry Pullman.

Motion by Marge and seconded by Terry to approve October minutes.

Old Business: Carried from October meeting until full board was in attendance: proposal to pay off building to Village and rework the front entrance for easier handicap accessible. Cody has contacted Chris who will do the repairs.

New Business: after some discussion, it was agreed to pay the Village \$4,000.00, the remaining amount for complete ownership of the Library.

Motion by Carol and seconded by Marge. All approved.

Discussion consisted of our ownership of the building. Our future has been to continue working for a larger home for the Library. Ownership will be an asset for buying a larger building or Construction. Grants are easily available for improvements either path we take.

Tai Chi program has been very successful and should continue. Due to the success, and need, Patty will be in touch with Office of the Aging to set up the program with a volunteer from their office. There is no cost for this program as it's strictly voluntary. This is to be a satellite program for this area.

Director's report: statistics for the month on file.

Treasurer's report attached. Motion by Marge and seconded by Joanne to accept the Treasurer's report. Approval by all.

Cody will put together a template on budget increases, how the affect would be on households. At present, budget increase will be 2%. Wages will increase \$.80 per hour January 1, 2024. An increase \$.50 will be in 2025, and \$.50, January 2026, \$.50 an hour. Patty made a motion and Terry seconded that wage increases be paid.

Facility maintainance: Snow removal, concern, is who is responsible for keeping the sidewalk in front of the building clear of snow. Patty will ask at the Village meeting.

The Black Walnut tree issue, whose property is it on? Carol will work with assessor and County real property to determine property lines between Matty Js and Tom Newell and property east of building. A deck is scheduled to be built on the back of the library next spring.

The memorials for Jay Pullman are in an account set up for the donations. There are lists and addresses for thank you letters which Marge and I will send. Update \$5480.00.

The library is a public building and is open as a neutral place for negotiations for family or personal issues. Home school programs.

Internship is available from school at the Library. Aiden, as well as any student can take advantage of the opportunity to earn 6 class credits. Discussion was held and a plan be on file for Aiden and future students who would like to take advantage of the program.

Ideas were suggested for future programs the Library can offer perhaps once a month: crafts, history, local people, local interests, classes of CPR, first aid exhibitions of music, suicide prevention. Story hour. Volunteer readers are needed. Patty will help with paper work for this program. Terry and Arkport Librarian will work on spring program to bring students to library at the scheduled Library period.

Summer program “The Adventure Begins’

Next meeting is December 14, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 Motion by

Respectfully Submitted Carol Burns