# **Call to Order**

President Betty Comoford called the meeting to order at 3:34pm. at the Lewiston Branch of the Montmorency County Public Libraries.

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Betty Comoford, Patt Hopkins, Donna Robillard, Robin Smiley, and Brenda South

Board Members Absent (in alphabetical order):none

County Commissioner: none

Staff Members Present: Lori Haas —Director,

Others present: none

# **Approval of Agenda**

**Robin Smiley made the motion to approve the agenda, Patt Hopkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

# **Minutes to Meeting**

**Patt Hopkins made the motion to accept the minutes from November 10, 2015 as written. Donna Robillard seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

none

# **Approval of Bills**

**Brenda South** **made the motion to accept the bills**, **Patt Hopkins** **seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Old Business**

The Directors contract was presented for renewal. (see attachment)

**Brenda South made the motion to accept the contract as presented, giving President Betty Comoford, and Secretary Robin Smiley permission to sign. Donna Robillard seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

The 2016 budget was discussed, after a few explanations, the Board approved the budget.

**Patt Hopkins made the motion to approve the 2016 budget as written. (see attachment) Brenda South seconded. All in favor, motion carried**.

**New Business**

Employee pay raises were discussed, and a 2% raise was suggested.

**Brenda South made the motion to give a 2% raise to the employees who are off the payscale. Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Directors Report**

The Director recommended, that Betty Comoford be reappointed to the Library Board.

**Robin Smiley made the motion to recommend Betty Comoford be reappointed to the Library Board by the County Commissioners for a 5 year term. Donna Robillard seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

Atlanta-Andrea reports: Lots of patrons bringing in goods for their fines. Two tote loads have been taken to the church. Kids attending story hour this week made little trivets with their pictures on, which turned out very cute. We have new little ones attending each month. We are hiding the Elf again this year from the Elf on a Shelf book. If someone finds the Elf they get a special treat. The Christmas craft (a dip mix ornament) was on Dec. 8, supplies were left out on the 9th and 10th for patrons who weren’t able to attend. Patrons got to taste the different dips.

Hillman-Tina says Good crazy afternoon!  We are feeling very festive here..... All four trees are up & the giving season has begun! We are an official toys for tots drop off site and the collectors comment weekly how giving the library patrons are.  We also have been making weekly delivery to the food bank from our amnesty program.  Next week we have a kids after school Christmas craft on Tues. & adult craft on Wed.  Toddler story hour is also on Wed.  We have been proctoring exams for college students.  Everyone has been very patient with MEL down & ready to start ordering!  Our Elf on the Shelf is very popular this year. We have a brother & sister who are every other week visitors and the Betsy the Elf seems to be a little therapy for them..... We love Christmas!

 Have a good day!

Lewiston-Wendy says: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! All is well here in Lewiston. Our adult craft class went well, everyone had fun making up the dip mixes, and hope to do it again. Six ladies came. Kid’s craft is all set to go! I have 18 kids signed up. The cookie sale went well this year.

**Next Meeting Scheduled**

The next regular meeting scheduled will be January 12, 2016 at the Atlanta Branch at 1pm.

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Robin Smiley to adjourn. Patt Hopkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Adjourned at 4:11pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Smiley

Accepted February 9, 2016