Montmorency County Public Libraries Library Board Meeting 2-26-2019

Call to Order

Vice-President Patt Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:04p.m. at the Atlanta Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.
<u>Board Members Present</u> (in alphabetical order): Mary Burek, Patt Hopkins, and Robin Smiley and Pat West
<u>Board Members Absent</u> (in alphabetical order): none
<u>County Commissioner:</u> none
<u>Staff Members Present</u>: Lori Haas —Director,
<u>Others present:</u> none

Approval of Agenda

Robin Smiley made the motion to add millage resolution under old business on the agenda, Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Treasurer Mary Burek had a couple of questions concerning snow plowing. The Atlanta company charges \$55 a push and the Hillman company charges \$45 a push. The Director will check this out. She also questioned the dues due to U of M consortium? The Director explained this is MERIT our fiber optic internet and is due once a year.

Mary Burek made the motion to accept the bills as presented, Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes to Meeting

Robin Smiley made the motion to accept the January 22, 2019 minutes as written, Mary Burek seconded. 3 yeas and one abstain, Pat West was absent, motion carried.

Public Comment

none

Old Business

The Board decided to cancel the March meeting and schedule a workshop to update our policies, procedures, etc.

Pat West made the motion to cancel the March 12, 2019 meeting and schedule a workshop in Hillman at 1pm. Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Pat West made the motion to remove Elizabeth Comoford from the Community Financial Federal Credit Union checking account. Patt Hopkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

We have received a letter from Ellen Klein from Lewiston interested in our trustee opening for the Lewiston area.

Mary Burek made to motion accept Ellen Klein and to recommend her to the County Commissioners as a new Library Board member to fill the position that expires December 2019. Pat West seconded. All in favor motion carried. Montmorency County Public Libraries Library Board Meeting 2-26-2019

Pat West made the motion to accept the resolution requesting ballot proposal for the renewal of the Library millage of 0.60000 mills. Robin Smiley supported. Roll Call Vote: Pat West, Yea, Patt Hopkins, Yea, Mary Burek, Yea, Robin Smiley, Yea. 4 Yeas. Motion carried. (see attachment)

New Business

none

Directors Report

We have applied for the Brush Creek Mill grant, \$500, for each branch. Hillman fine arts program will not happen this year, there has been so many lost school days because of weather that this just can't be worked in, but they would welcome us back in the fall. So there will be a fine arts Artpalooza on March 11, 2019 3:30-6pm at the Hillman Branch for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. We will serve pizza and have 3 different art projects.

The Board asked the Director for the payoff on the mortgage for the Hillman Building, the Director had a payoff of \$19, 680.83 for end of January 2019.

Mary Burek made the motion to payoff the mortgage of \$ 19,680.83 as of the end of January, on the Hillman Building. Patt Hopkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Jury Duty was discussed and tabled to allow the Board to think about how to handle it, and discuss at the workshop.

There is a big change coming with the headquarters librarian retiring. There were many suggestions made, lots to think about. More at another upcoming meeting.

The Librarians reports:

Andrea from Atlanta report: Because of the weather the library has been closed a few days this month. The pavilion and stage area(with power) have been reserved for the Summer Reading Program Picnic on Monday July 29th. Lori put together an item for the Atlanta Huskies Sports Spectacular "Silent Auction", which is Saturday. All the items, a ukulele and 2 Libraries Rock t-shirts were put in a book bag made by one of our patrons. Story hour was only attended by one toddler this month. The adult craft was enjoyed by all the ladies that attended. Little wooden items, donated by a patron, were painted.

Wendy from Lewiston reports: We have been extremely slow with the weather as crazy as it's been. A lot of phone calls for renewal of items and I do have my die hard patrons who need to get out of the house. The winter reading program is doing pretty well considering the weather. The "FOLL's" Susan Evans has started a book club with the high school. Reading Buddies missed their first meeting due to school closing. Hopefully Thursday of this week we will get to meet. Other than that we are plugging along and looking forward to spring and all the snow birds to return home.

Tina from Hillman reports: I am so excited to report it is snowing again! It has been a crazy month for all. Our sidewalks seem to be a never ending chore, looking forward to March! I am happy to report that we have water and it is hot! Laura is fitting in nicely. We have received

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many complements about her. She completed her first story hour at headstart, which I went along on and she did a great job!!! Tax season is upon us. AARP is doing tax prep in our building on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting today. Travel safe! Have a great day!

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019 at Atlanta Branch, 1:00p.m.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Mary Burek made motion to adjourn, at 2:07pm. Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Smiley

accepted April 9, 2019