

Call to Order

President Patt Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. at the Atlanta Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Mary Burek, Patt Hopkins, Ellen Klein, Robin Smiley and Pat West

Board Members Absent (in alphabetical order): none

County Commissioner: none

Staff Members Present: Lori Haas —Director,

Others present: none

Approval of Agenda

Pat West made the motion to approve the agenda as written, Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Robin Smiley made the motion to accept the bills as presented, Ellen Klein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes to Meeting

Mary Burek made the motion to accept the December 10, 2019 as written, Robin Smiley seconded. 4 Yeas, Pat West abstained due to absence, motion carried.

Public Comment

none

Election of Officers

Robin Smiley made the motion to open the floor to nominations, Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Robin Smiley made the motion to nominate Pat West as President. Ellen Klein seconded. Pat accepted the nomination. All in favor, motion carried.

Robin Smiley made the motion to nominate Ellen Klein as Vice-President, Mary Burek seconded. Ellen accepted the nomination. All in favor, motion carried.

Mary Burek made the motion to nominate Robin Smiley as Secretary, Ellen Klein seconded. Robin accepted the nomination. All in favor, motion carried.

Ellen Klein made motion to nominate Mary Burek as Treasurer. Patt Hopkins seconded. Mary accepted the nomination. All in favor, motion carried.

Robin Smiley made the motion to close the nominations. Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Robin Smiley made the motion to elect the slate of officers as presented. Patt Hopkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

none

New Business

Pay raises for the Librarians that are already off the payscale were discussed. The Director had a table to show the salaries of the employees.

Robin Smiley made the motion to give a 2% raise to the librarians who are off the payscale, retroactive to January 1, 2020. Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

President Patt Hopkins has turned in a letter of resignation as president and a board member effective today.

Robin Smiley made the motion to accept the resignation from Board member Patt Hopkins with great regret, (see attachment), Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board will have to advertise for a new member, must be from Atlanta or Lewiston, to finish the term vacated by Patt Hopkins, term ends 2021.

There was a problem with paychecks from the accountant not being ready in time. The Director has discussed with the person who does our payroll and they promised to never allow to happen again.

There are boxes in the Directors office of various things that need to get from the Headquarters Library to Lewiston and Hillman. Robin Smiley stops in and takes a load every once in a while but over the holidays things got backed up. Mary Burek spoke up she goes to Hillman often enough to take a load when she goes. The Director lives in Lewiston and can take a load to that branch.

Directors Report

Robin expressed that the board didn't like the Directors evaluation that they put together, she asked me to look at other libraries and if they would share their forms with us. 3 Libraries sent their forms. Pat West and Robin will meet and work on this.

The Director has applied to the Brush Creek Mill for the annual grants they give. One for each branch of Library.

Imagine Your Story is the theme of the summer reading program this year. We will try once a again for a grant to send home; a craft, learn a magic trick, or something educational for each participant to take home and do together as a family. This was a great success last year.

The subject of the millage was discussed as the ballet language needs to be approved early. The information is now at the attorneys being looked over.

The Librarians reports:

Sheila from Atlanta reports: Hello,

January was a month of changes for Atlanta! Those of you who have stopped in to check out books may have noticed a few changes. In an effort to make large print books more accessible, and to hopefully bolster the circulation of our Young Adult section, we have been making some location changes. A huge "thank you" to Mary Burek for helping me to move all those books! Mystery and Michigan fiction have traded places as well so that our less flexible patrons no longer have to try and get books off the very bottom shelf.

The craft classes have been well attended by both adults and the after school crowd. We had 17 attend our January adult class and the February class is almost full. There is usually a waiting list for the after school classes.

For the younger kids, Story Hour has continued to grow and we will be having a guest appearance by the Cat in the Hat in March. We also have several new homeschooling families who have moved to the area that are working to form a "Creative Club" that will meet each week at the library. I am also very pleased with the participation in our monthly drawings for the kids. We had 78 entries for the month of January! February's themes are "Everything Disney" for the picture book crowd, and "Monsters and Mayhem" for the older kids. Prizes have been donated by our very generous patrons.

The Polar Bear Club starts February 1st. The response to this year's prize of the library book bag is very positive. It will be interesting to see which age group has the most readers – adults or kids. Otherwise, it's been business as usual here in Atlanta.

Tina from Hillman reports: Happy New Year!

Hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas and is off to a great 2020.

Thank you for the enjoyable Christmas dinner, it's always nice to see everyone together. On the 17th we had a full house of 10 children at our after school "Night Before Christmas" event. I shared my pop-up book, we had a hot cocoa bar, decorated cookies and made beautiful plates for Santa. The next morning I did it all again with the toddlers for story hour. We were not as successful with our numbers. We had 3 attend, but they loved the plates! On the 19th the library was treated to a horse drawn sleigh full of carolers from Hillman elementary 5th grade. The next two weeks 12/23 - 1/3 the library has been quit slow. We have had steady increase in checkouts from our JE section, which may be due to the new monthly reading program/drawing that all branches are offering. Parents of beginning readers have commented that this is a great incentive. I am working with a few community members and trying to come up with ideas for a couple makerspace for our community room for the winter months. Stay tuned.....

Good afternoon,

This is an addition to last month's report. KD held TSH on the 15th and she had 1 child attend. We did a patron count for the week of 1/20/20 and averaged 43 patrons per day. We will do this 3 more times throughout the year. We now have two custody visitations using our library once a week. The adult painting of the sleighs on 1/28 was once again a hit. Our class was full and they are excited about the next one! Bill Grove has finally installed the sump pump that we had purchased in the spring. He is laid off from his full time job now & more available. He had checked the old one several times & it was still running, but slowing down with the discharge. When he brought it out from under the building it looked like it came from the Titanic. He said that under the building is very dry & does not foresee any water problems.

Hoping the sun shines!

Have a great day!

Wendy from Lewiston reports: Happy New Year!

Christmas is all put away and all outside lights are down

We have received a donation of 200\$ from Community Sharing to be used towards the siding project in spring. I have sent out a Thank you card. Lewiston is a great, caring community.

February 4, 2020

The Gala was a great time in December. Numbers were down a bit as its sells out normally. I have also thanked the FOLL for their great support of us here in Lewiston. Not sure on Dollar amount raised. Toddler story went great this Month. My one and only Hailey Winkleman was here to enjoy Snowflake Bentley and a snowflake painted craft. We also started this month with “sniff out a good book” juvenile program. Stay tuned to for our winner.

Card Class starts back up this month and the Ladies are ready to get at it.

I just wanted to Thank everyone for allowing me to take a few weeks off while Vince was ill. Your support and understanding was a great relief. We truly are a Family. He still is having a vision problem and hopeful for a full recovery.

While things have slowed way down here at the Library, Nicole, Brooke and I have been getting a lot of cleaning done.

Good Afternoon Ladies

I started a puzzle here and my Patrons are really enjoying it. I had a great turn out for the Sled painting class, as it filled up quickly. We hosted 15 ladies who by the way are very talented. We will be having a Llama paint class at the end of the month. We had a huge CD Book donation here within the last few weeks and Nicole and I are currently weeding out the old and putting in some great very current titles, some have never been opened. I have had some really great book donations in the last few weeks too! For our Juv book reading club/giveaway I had two winners this month, Brooke Winkleman and Carl Facsko. Brooke is working on Valentines Decorations for the Library. Toddler story hour is still coming along with my one and only Hailey Winkleman . Card class is still a big hit even winter did not slow them down, they only missed the month of December because everyone was so busy. March is reading month is approaching fast and I am teaming up with the PTO and the School for a Kindle giveaway. I am currently working on a sports themed scavenger hunt. It’s a lot of fun for me and the kid’s.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting is our annual meeting scheduled for March 10, 2020 at Atlanta Headquarters Branch, 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Ellen Klein made motion to adjourn, at 2:00pm. Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Smiley
accepted 3-10-2020