

Call to Order

President Pat West called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. at the Atlanta Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library after a small luncheon in honor of our retiring President Patt Hopkins.

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Mary Burek, 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: Patt Hopkins

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Bills

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

Minutes to Meeting

Pat West made the motion to accept the February 4, 2020 with change in spelling "Mary Burke", Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

none

Election of Officers

Pat West resigned her position as President, she felt she was not the one to do this job and suggested Robin Smiley be President. Robin Smiley resigned her position as secretary and suggested Pat West be secretary.

Ellen Klein made the motion to open the floor to nominations, Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Robin Smiley made the motion to nominate Pat West as Secretary, Ellen Klein seconded. Pat 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 Pat West Secretary and Robin Smiley President, effective March 11, 2020, Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Directors review form has been updated once again. Robin Smiley and Pat West worked on this and presented the form to take home and have a chance to read over and vote on at next meeting.

New Business

There were 3 people apply for the open trustee position. After much discussion the Board decided to recommend Diane Tokarski.

Mary Burek made the motion to recommend to the County Commissioners, Diane Tokaski as the new library trustee to replace Patt Hopkin's term that expires 2021. Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution for the Ballot Proposal for the Library Millage

The resolution requesting the ballot proposal for the library operating millage of 0.60000 mills was made by Pat West, seconded by Ellen Klein. (see attachment)

The Library Board desires to have the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners place the proposal on the ballot for the primary election to be held on August 4, 2020 for the millage to be levied and collected by Montmorency County, State of Michigan (the "County") pursuant for the operation and support of public library service within the County.

All in favor, roll call vote; Mary Burek, yes, Pat West, yes, Robin Smiley, yes, Ellen Klein, yes. Resolution carried.

President Pat West asked the board about moving the meeting date to the second Monday rather than second Tuesday of the month. The Director also had a request to move a couple of meeting dates.

Ellen Klein made the motion to change the meeting dates for April from the 7th to the 21st and June 16th to the 22nd and to change our regular meeting day to the second Monday of the month at 1pm, starting on May 11, 2020. Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board will meet at noon on May 11, 2020 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church to do the Director's Review in closed session.

Directors Report

Looking forward to Voices and Visions the Eagles have once again donated their hall for us to use. The date is set for May 7th, help from the Board that day would be greatly appreciated. I am going to ask John Zollers to judge this year.

We received \$375 grant for each Library Branch from the Brush Creek Mill for the summer reading program. I also wrote the Library Of Michigan grant for take home activities for the reading program. We received the rural library grant of 10 hotspots we applied for but they needed to connect to Sprint and that cell phone service isn't available in our neck of the woods. They were returned and will be exchanged for 10, computers, 8 desktop and 2 laptops. Our Tech

guy is back up and catching us up on updates, he had been very ill. The new computers will go to Atlanta Branch, the tech guy says their computers are the oldest.

Art is back in the Hillman schools for 6 weeks, but one of those weeks I had the flu and then school was closed due to the flue the next week. So they have 4 weeks.

We have 2 new hires, Roxanne Krohn in Lewiston and Loni Stevens in Hillman. Loni will train in Atlanta with Shelia for approximately a month then move to Hillman. Roxanne is training with Wendy in Lewiston.

The SRP starts June 15-July22, the picnic is July 27 at 6pm at the Briley Township Park.

Imagine Your Story is the theme. We will have a medieval type of theme and world culture.

Each week will have a theme;

week 1-Greek,

week 2-Asia,

week 3- Russia and Poland

week 4-Folktales of the World

week 5-Fantastys and Fairytales

week 6-Tell your story

The Juv and ya themed book drawings have been such a huge success that we would like to carry this on throughout the SRP. So the books will be marked and the child will be entered in a drawing for that week when they check out the book.

The Library is stopping story hours at the schools and hoping to add a story hour type art lesson. More to come on this.

The Librarians reports:

Sheila from Atlanta reports: Hello, everyone.

The last month has been a good one with our adult and children's programming.

Our toddler story hour had 11 kids who came to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Denise Newburry came in her Cat in the Hat costume to read, "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish", and then she stayed to help with the craft and to share in the birthday cake.

Our After-School Craft had 11 kids who enjoyed 3 different craft options. I'm also quite pleased that we are appealing to young teen crowd with this craft.

Our monthly drawings for the kids had 51 entries in February. Our circulation in the Juvenile and Juvenile Easy continues to grow and the entries for March are going to be even higher. Our winners for February were Mario Roach and Bentley Vandercook. The March themes are Everything Seuss and Dinosaurs and Reptiles.

The adult llama painting class was definitely a hit. Twenty people participated and people have been asking if we have any left. The response from posting pictures on-line has been great!

We've been working hard to keep ahead of the Voices and Visions rush. Janet and Andrea have been mounting art work and we will be starting on individual name tags later this week. The Eagles Club has confirmed our date of May 7th and has graciously donated the use of the hall.

We added a total of 118 new items between the three branches for the month of February.

(That's just over 4 new items for each day we were open.)

February circulation was 1,115 items not including those done through MelCat. That is almost a 10% increase over the numbers for January.

Other than that, we're all looking forward to spring! It just cannot come soon enough.

Tina from Hillman reports: Good Morning, In February we try to hold off the flue! We has tax prep 2 days a week with approximately 10 people each day. Our after school craft was held on the 5th and didn't have as many children. Our Adult drop in craft was another success! We have started s needle group on Monday's from 12:30-2 with 6 people attending. It seems to be something that others are interested in. We currently have 5 home school families using our library. Our after school patrons have increased by approximately 6 daily. (we now are seeing more teens coming). This is my first day back after a week in sunny Florida so I am playing catch up!

Have a great day!

Wendy from Lewiston reports: We have now been upgraded to Windows 10 and loving it. We are gearing up March is reading month with the Lewiston school. It's a sport theme and I decided to use a newspaper for the scavenger hunt for 3rd-5th and the little ones is a scavenger hunt of the Library. I shall let you know how that goes next month. I will be training a new hire today, Roxanne Krohn, more to come on that. Our winners for the last month Juv book club was again Brooke Winkleman and Carl Facsko. I have not had toddler story hour for March yet. Last month was a great turnout. We had 4 kids in February. We are ready for spring and the siding project to start. We have also had to say goodbye to Brooke last week, which was hard for me! I am going to miss her! The Library is all cleaned up shelves have been weeded and waiting for the Snowbirds to arrive.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting is our annual meeting scheduled for April 21, 2020 at Atlanta Headquarters Branch, 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Robin Smiley made motion to adjourn, at 2:30pm. Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Smiley
accepted June 8, 2020