

Call to Order

President Patt Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 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: Don Edwards

Staff Members Present: Lori Haas —Director,

Others present: none

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Bills

Mary Burek 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 April 9, 2019 minutes as written, Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

none

Old Business

The policy manual was handed out with changes, and the addition of jury duty recommendations so Board members may take home and have chance to read over.

New Business

none

Directors Report

We asked for bids from a couple of sign companies in Alpena for the Hillman Branch, their sign is in really bad shape. Omega Electric was the only one to respond. It will be a 2 sided aluminum sign which won't fade like the wooden sign we have now. The bid was \$960 and also includes removal of the old sign.

Mary Burek made the motion to accept the bid of \$960 for a new sign for the Hillman Branch from Omega Sign company in Alpena. Ellen Klein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Voices and Visions was wonderful with many wonderful young artists in attendance along with their families. Thank you to all who helped with set up and clean up. There were so many people we may have to look for a larger venue.

We are working on Summer Reading Program getting things together. The Library of Michigan gave us a \$2000 grant for Children's services. We bought 600 science experiments for the participants to take home, and \$500 worth of science related books with the grant.

The Librarians reports:

Tina from Hillman reports: We are patiently waiting for the arrival of spring! Laura has wrapped up story hour at Headstart and I will be finishing the outreach program at the elementary on the 7th. I have started the Lego club. We have 8 children signed up and will run for 4 weeks. Laura suggested we hold a movie day for our non-readers and show movies that started as books. On the 24th we showed Charlotte's Web and invited our friends from mental health. This was a trial showing and seemed to have a positive outcome. We will be doing this again, after we get the new work schedules ironed out. The SRP flyers will be going out in the Friday folders this week. I have found a new lawn care kid!! After many years Gideon will not be coming home for this summer to work. The new young man is a library patron who has been participating in the SRP since he was little and is now a Junior as HHS. He is patiently waiting for the grass to grow! Have a great day!

Sheila from Atlanta reports: May has been a month of change for Atlanta, and I'd like to say thanks to Lori, Andrea and everyone else for helping me settle into my new role. We began the new Community Seed Program the end of April. It's been a slow start with 48 packages of seeds sold so far. I expect it will pick up as weather improves. We will be hosting a new series of computer classes being offered by Jake Larsen. They will be offered in all three branches and will consist of both beginning and advanced subjects. Our first class is scheduled for June 6th. This semester's proctored exams are now finished. We served 3 students. We have introduced new reports that allow our branches to more effectively weed our collections. This will allow us to keep our collections more current and relevant to our patrons. I will be attending a meeting next week that will be unveiling other available reports that should help streamline some of our functions. Our volunteer, 12 year old Samantha Wagner, has been with us for a full year now. She helps out for 2-3 hours each Monday and has been a great help with the SRP preparations. Between the 3 branches we have added 156 new items to the collection in the month of April.

Wendy from Lewiston reports: Good Afternoon ladies. All if our snow birds are arriving home. We are getting ready for the FoLL annual Father's Day weekend book sale. Tons of donations have been coming in. Brooke has a new mentor working with her. Hannah is doing a great job. She's really teaching her some great life skills as well as a great work attitude. All SRP flyers have gone home in Friday Folders for both Lewiston and Joburg. A few of the kids have been asking and are ready to start. A big shout out to all that set up Voices and Visions. As always great job! Our community absolutely loves the show! I am proud to be a part of our Library system.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2019 at Lewiston Branch, 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mary Burek made motion to adjourn, at 1:38pm. Ellen Klein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Smiley