# **Call to Order**

President Betty Comoford called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. at the Hillman/Wright Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.

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: David Wagner

Staff Members Present: Tina Mulka, Hillman Librarian, Lori Haas —Director,

Others present: none

# **Approval of Agenda**

**Robin Smiley made the motion to move the bills to after Public Comment on the agenda, Donna Robillard seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

none

# **Minutes to Meeting**

**Patt Hopkins made the motion to accept the minutes from June 13, 2017. Robin Smiley**

**seconded. Donna Robillard abstains due to absent from June meeting. Four yeas, motion carried.**

# **Approval of Bills**

Treasurer Brenda South asked about a bill from our attorney, the Director explained it was a request to the attorney on how to handle the new FOIA laws**.** The attorney recommended we post a FOIA policy on our web page similar to one the County has. The Director is working on adding this to our web page. **Brenda South made the motion to approve the bills as presented. Donna Robillard seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Old Business**

We received one bid on the sidewalk work at Hillman from Don Darilek Masonry of Atlanta for $2387.50. This will include removal and replace the sidewalk on west side of Library.

**Donna Robillard made the motion to accept the bid from Don Darilek Masonry for $2387.50 to repair the sidewalk in Hillman. (see attachment) Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

There were no bids received for the siding work needed on the Hillman building. Tina and Lori both made phone calls to several local builders and they are either too busy, the job is too small or they don't have workman's compensation insurance. If the builder is the only employee it is not necessary for them to have comp insurance. The Library can pick up the workman's comp for a small fee. There was discussion on whether this was a good idea.

**Patt Hopkins made the motion to repost the request for bids on the siding for the Hillman Library without the workers compensation requirement. Donna Robillard seconded. 4 yeas, and one nay. Brenda South voted nay. Betty Comofored voted yea, Patt Hopkins voted yea, Donna Robillard voted yea, and Robin Smiley voted yea. Motion carried.**

**New Business**

Board member Donna Robillard walked around the building when she arrived to check out the new furnace and discovered a small tree trying to grow between the air conditioner units and suggested it be cut down. Tina said they cut it down every year.

**Directors Report**

The Librarians reports:

Tina from Hillman reports: Well summer has officially arrived! Our new heating/cooling unit is working great! The SRP started a little slow due to school still being in session the first week. We have 61 children signed up and are averaging 44 per week for the drop in activities. (Our numbers are down slightly from last year). The fairy house was a huge hit, now the adults want to do it. Our library space is being used by many. Foster care usue the side room twice a week for visitation, the community room is used twice a month in the evenings for meetings. We have 4 regular students coming in for internet to do summer school. We did one of our weekly patrons counts during the week of 6?12 and average 92 patrons a day. State Representative Triston Cole held coffee hour here on the 29th with only 1 person attending. At this time I have not received any bids for siding or cement work! It appears Allband has laid the fiber under our parking lot! We are excited for the next phase! Have a good day!

Wendy from Lewiston reports: Good Afternoon Ladies. SRP is going great and the kids are having a lot of fun with the weekly activities. Summer has been very busy here, a lot of new faces have been coming in the Library getting Library cards (moving into Lewiston). Our book sale over Fathers Day weekend was a great success, the"Foll" took in just around $1,200. About the same as last year. Timber Fest this year we will be doing "Art in the Street" again and looking forward to cleaning out some of our old art projects and putting them to good use with the kids. Tye Dye was a success as the fairy house is. (all the little girls are making huge plans for their houses). Lol.

Andrea from Atlanta reports: We have been very busy. We have 72 kids signed up for the SRP. Both the tie dye and fairy house crafts were fun with waiting lists only. We have been issuing many new library cards. One of our patrons bought 3 pair of reading glasses for the Library. Many patrons forget their glasses and our extras were broken, which were also donated. Yesterday another patron brought in 5 more. 32 people signed in to use the computers on Monday July 10.

The fiber is laid and connected in Atlanta and is working incredibly fast compared to the old connection from Frontier, next week the Hillman Branch will get connected to Allband and Tom, our tech guy is working on a sample voice server and if this works as hoped it will mean we won't need Frontiers DSL in Lewiston.

Build a Better World is going great, Hillman wins the award for the cutest decorated Library, the kids are all enjoying the different crafts and building things from empty boxes.

The Summer Reading Picnic is Thursday, August 3, at Briley Township Park 6-8pm, but if Board members would like to come and help show up at 3pm. The food is build your own hamburger or hotdog bar, with the burgers and hotdogs precooked to hand out warm. There will be lots of different toppings to choose from. There will be the build a tool box for the garden tools the kids have gathered throughout the summer reading program, balloon lady, face painting, bouncy house, etc. We expect between 250 and 300 people so keeping the food line moving will be top priority. Last year we fed over 200 people in an amazing quick 1/2 hour.

# **Next Meeting Scheduled**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Atlanta Branch at 1p.m.

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Donna Robillard to adjourn, at 1:39pm. Patt Hopkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Smiley

accepted August 8, 2017