

Call to Order

President Patt Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. at the Hillman 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: Hillman Librarian Tina Mulka

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Bills

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

Minutes to Meeting

Ellen Klein made the motion to accept the June 11, 2019 with the changes discussed, Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

none

Old Business

The updated policy manual was handed out for board members to take home and read over during the next month.

New Business

none

Directors Report

The staff computer in Hillman has stopped working and a new one has been ordered. Joburg schools approached the Director looking for a temporary place to hold summer school meetings. They have a great program set up, but couldn't meet at the school while there is work done on the media center in Joburg and the parking lot is also being redone. They use the Library in Lewiston, meeting 1 hour when we're open and 1 hour when we're closed so the WIFI isn't used up while trying to run the Library. They have 9-12 kids showing up.

Summer Reading Program picnic is July 29th at Briley Township Park from 6-8pm. Set up will start about 3pm Please come help. There will be blow up houses, for Astronaut Training Camp theme the balloon lady for sure, Wendy B. face painting. There are punch cards, when filled the young astronaut will go make their own tags. We will have pizza for dinner, cupcakes, moon pies, etc. It may be possible to have as many as 300 kids as this party.

The Librarians reports:

Tina from Hillman reports: Well summer has arrived! We did a patron count the week of 6/3 and avg, 57 patrons/day. I am confident that number has gone up since then to at least 70. The warm weather has really increased visitors. Our study room is reserved daily. The SRP started with a success, we have 69 children signed up/ Sign ups were a little delayed, which I feel were school ending dates related. We are looking for a volunteer to take care of our front landscaping beds. The new sign is very nice and we have received many positive comments. Our book sale is scheduled for VJ day weekend, 8/9 & 8/10. I also think we should do something about the mortgage being paid off early. Like an article in the Tribune and maybe a table with cake or cookies and some kind of drink thanking our patrons. It was suggested this be done in August after the SRP.

Have a great day!

Sheila from Atlanta reports: As you can imagine the Summer Reading Program is in full swing. We have 90 kids who have signed up and I am grateful to have Gavin's help on Mondays. (That is our busiest day) The kids seem to especially like the extra take-home science project each week. Mary Sue Prantera came over from Petoskey on June 27th, and she and I went to each branch to standardize our computer operations. This is one of several small steps that we have taken to make our procedures the same across all 3 branches. Tina and Wendy R. Have been very patient with the changes and I really appreciate the effort they have been making. We have also been working to standardize the reports that each branch receives on a weekly or monthly basis. In theory , each report should make our job easier. The three branches have cataloged a total of 154 new items to our collection for the month of June.

Wendy from Lewiston reports: Happy July Ladies. The summer reading program is off and running with a great turnout every week. My back has been very busy. The July4th parade was a huge success. Brooke decorated a wagon for the MCPL. Brooke , myself and Alex walked the Parade. This will be something I will continue to do with Brooke. Just watching her made my heart full. It was a great day. Nicole is doing a great job! She is catching on to the computer program. She just knows what needs to be done and does it. Her love of reading is helping her with our patrons who would like to read new authors. We have found a keeper. I am still waiting to hear what the total of the book sale the friends had in June. Their next meeting is at the end of the July. The Foll will be installing a statue in memory of Riatte Ott in the Reading Garden. Her family was here on the Wednesday with Lynn checking out where it will be located in the garden. Other than not much else is going on except we have been crazy busy here. A lot more summer people are working remotely and have been spending a lot of time here. I have met so many new people these last few months.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2019 at Headquarters Library, Atlanta, 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mary Burek made motion to adjourn, at 1:42pm. Ellen Klein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Smiley
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