

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

Mary Burek made the motion to approve the agenda as written, Pat West 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

Pat West made the motion to accept the July 9, 2019 with the changes discussed, change Lewiston to Hillman in the first sentence and change the date from August 14- August 13 in the next to last sentence. Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

none

Old Business

Pat West made the motion to accept the revision of the policy manual, the personnel policy and the bylaws with one change of the bylaws on page 17 under the heading 3.7 Secretary: remove the sentence "in the Secretary's absence or incapacity, an Assistant Secretary" . Ellen Klein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

none

Directors Report

We had over 300 people at the summer reading program picnic in Briley Township park. We ordered 55 pizzas and had 8 watermelons along with many other wonderful space related foods and desserts. There were 136 kids signed up and all but 2 families didn't make it. There were over 20 volunteers that helped at the picnic this year, Thank You to those who volunteered. The Director has applied for a Rural Library Digital Initiative grant, funded by the Public Library Association and Microsoft. The only way to apply for this grant is to be invited. It is about digital connectivity and would provide 11 hotspots that could be checked out and taken home with patrons and a one year service plan with maybe an additional year possible for the second year.

There is a new sandwich chalk board in the Atlanta Library, it has become such a success that Lori has ordered one for each of the branches.

There are new training classes for the Librarians being offered on how to use updated MEL, but you needed a laptop or chrome book to take the classes and many rural libraries can't afford those so Northland, our coop, bought and donated chrome books.

The Lewiston Lionesses have commented on the siding at the Lewiston Branch, they may be able to help with this project. Albert Township owns the building, the Library doesn't. The Lionesses will have to get with the Township about this project.

The "FOLL" have mentioned they are willing to replace the conference table in the meeting room in Lewiston.

The Librarians reports:

Tina from Hillman reports: And just like that it is August! I would say we had a successful SRP. We had 68 children sign up with 40 completing the program. We are passing out the evaluation questionnaire and have received a few back. Again we have received many complements on the program and party. Well done ladies!! Our book sale was VJ Day weekend (9th & 10th), we will carry it over for a week. We released 8 Monarchs. Robin brought in more caterpillars and we now have 4 more in chrysalis stage. Everyone enjoys watching this life cycle. We have completed the weeding of our adult fiction, paperbacks and jr fiction. (just in time for our book sale) We are planning the mortgage burning party for the end of August.

Have a great day!

Sheila from Atlanta reports: As you can imagine , July was a very busy month with all the summer reading program activities. We have had a very positive response from parents and children on both the party and the theme. The science experiments in particular were quite a hit. I want to thank all of you for your help. We really do appreciate. it. Atlanta had 64 children complete the program and all but 3 came to the party! I was also very pleased to see that our numbers included 20 teens that finished the program. (We count 6th grade and up as teens). Our butterflies continue to hatch and they are enjoyed by the adults as much as the children. We ended up with a total of 21 chrysalises. (And most will hatch while I'm gone.)

The three branches managed to catalog a total of 166 new items for our shelves in the month of July. Considering how hectic the month has been, this is great! Everyone has really pitched in to help each other work in our summer vacations and obligations. The level of teamwork has been outstanding.

Wendy from Lewiston reports: We had a great turnout for the SRP. The total form Lewiston branch was 56. I just wanted to Thank everyone who allowed me the day off of the party as my son got married that Saturday. I know all the hard work that goes into setting up, working and clean up and for that I am grateful. Timberfest went great on Friday night with the Street Art. I lost count at 60 kids that stopped and had a great time with the art projects. We know have a sprinkler system in the reading garden. Thank you to "FoLL". I am currently working with Corky on getting a new conference table and chairs for the Library. The one we have now will be moved into the meeting room as we are updating a little bit. The card class is still going great and the Friends have now asked that the members pay \$2 per class.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2019 at Headquarters Library, Atlanta, 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mary Burek made motion to adjourn, at 1:30pm. Ellen Klein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Smiley
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