

Call to Order

President Robin Smiley called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. at the Hillman Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Mary Burek, Ellen Klein, Robin Smiley, Diane Tokarski and Pat West

Board Members Absent: (in alphabetical order): None

County Commissioner: None

Staff Members Present: Lori Haas - Director

Others Present:

Approval of Agenda

Ellen Klein made the motion to add closed session for the Directors Evaluation to the agenda, Diane Tokarski seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Minutes of Meeting

3 corrections to be made, page numbers to be corrected, date of next meeting and a typo on page 2. Diane Tokarski made the motion to accept the corrected July 13, 2020 minutes as presented, Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Director Lori Haas reported that the current Covid-19 procedures are going well. The libraries will continue to follow the guidelines as presented by the Library of Michigan. Lori stated that the grants she applied for, lap top computers and Covid-19 supplies were approved. She will obtain more project kits. Lorie stated computer use by patrons has started following Covi-19 guidelines. Two people will be allowed to use the computer s at a time, spacing 6 feet apart, with a 30 minute time limit.

New Business

None

Directors Report

The memorial plant for Patt Hopkins is to be planted this week. The virtual video "Voices in Visions", will be presented on line and will be categorized by classes for easier viewing. She stated the budget appears to be on tract. There is a discrepancy in the penal fines and Lori will peruse the problem. Robin Smiley displayed the plaque in honor of Eleanor Lutz, which will be displayed at the Hillman Library.

Librarian's reports:

Sheila from Atlanta reports: We are settling into our new routines here in Atlanta. While the majority of patrons are still choosing to use curbside pick-up, we had 49 people sign up to come into the building during the month of July. Our circulation is starting to pick up. Thought it is far from normal. In the month of July we loaned 597 items. Finally we are starting to receive out back-ordered Baker and Taylor Books. Patrons are pleased to see so many new titles. We are also seeing an increase of new release books that patrons are so generously donating. Listing our new books on the window so that they can be viewed from the porch has worked extremely well. We added 120 new items to our collection in July. We had 34 kids complete the Summer Reading Program. Parents have told us how pleased they were that we managed to continue the program despite the current situation. We put out 60-70 projects each week and rarely did we have any left. The 2 adult crafts that we have done were also very successful. The first one (sign painting) ran out by early afternoon on the first day we had it out! The second craft (peg doll painting) ran out the third day it was offered. We continue to use our extra time catching up on projects that had been pushed to the back burner. The children's room is looking great thanks to Janet and Lonny. And Andrea has really been helping me stay on top of everything with all of my trips to Ann Arbor. (I'm blessed to work with such supportive co-workers). Janet and Lonny have also starting working on the classes that are offered through the MCLS Training on-line platform. There are numerous webinars that are available for free that will enhance their understanding of MEL and Rides policies and procedures. We have been finding ways to help people with their computer needs. By standing on the porch, patrons can see my computer screen and we are able to look up information or other tasks that need to be done. I have also been offering limited instruction on how to use laptops and tablets so people can take advantage of our Wi-Fi. Patrons can e-mail their documents to us for printing as well. Copies and faxes are being done daily. All in all we are finding creative ways to meet the needs of our community. As always, we appreciate all that you do for us!

Tina from Hillman reports: Good afternoon. We are settling into our new normal. Our patrons are getting the hang of ordering on-line, blue order forms & calling to request books. Our total circulation in Hillman has increased from June to July by approx. 135% (smile). We are down 321 items from July 2019, which I feel is great considering that we are open the way we are. Tom came and updated our public computers so they will be ready when needed. We are still waiting on the Wi-Fi router. We average approx. 5 prints/fax/scan services per day. The chairs that the Lions donated get used often and are a great asset to our outdoor space. We have hung the dedications plaque in honor of Eleanor Lutze in the Community Room (thanks Robin). Eleanor is missed daily at our library. We received many complements on the SRP this year. Everyone was impressed with the ability to take them home (great job Lori). We had 23 children turn in completed logs for t-shirts. All of the adult crafts were picked up & naturally they are asking for more! Stay Well!! Have a great day!

Wendy from Lewiston reports: We are still chugging along here at the library. My front door and curbside service has picked up a lot these last few weeks. With people here on vacation/summer homes we have been faxing and printing copies just like it was a normal day. We try hard to make sure they leave with having their needs met. Our patrons are enjoying curbside service versus coming in. We are gearing up. For Melcat to open back up on August 10, we have a list going with titles our patrons have requested and will fill them when we get the go ahead. Our Lewiston community has been great through all of the crazy. We are getting ready for our FOLL book sale this weekend, starts on Friday @ Noon - 4 and Saturday 9 - 3. Also on Saturday @ 11 we have a memorial dedication for Raitte Ott in the reading garden. My SRP numbers for t-shirts were low as I

only had 22 turn in log forms. Stay healthy.

Closed Session

Mary Burek made a motion and Ellen Klein seconded, that the board members enter into a closed session meeting for the director's review at 2:06 p.m. Role call vote, Mary Burek yes , Ellen Klein yes, Robin Smiley yes , Diane Tokarski yes and Pat West yes, motion approved. Ellen Klein made a motion to leave the closed session at 2:40, with Mary Burek seconding. Roll call vote, Mary Burek yes, Ellen Klein yes, Robin Smiley yes , Diane Tokarski yes and Pat West yes, motion approved.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2020 at the Atlanta Branch of the Montmorency County Public Libraries at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Ellen Klein made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m. with Mary Burek seconding. All in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat West