

Call to Order

President Donna Robillard called the annual meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. at the Lewiston Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Mary Burek, Patt Hopkins, Donna Robillard, 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

Patt West made the motion to approve the agenda Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

At 2:37pm Patt Hopkins made the motion to go into closed session for the Director's review. Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

At 3:36pm Mary Burek made the motion to come out of closed session, Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Robin Smiley had a question on the budget, it was missing a grant we received for computers, Lori explained we did the budget in October and the grant posted in October after the budget was done.

Minutes to Meeting

Donna Robillard made the motion to amend the minutes from October 9, 2018, showing Patt Hopkins abstained due to absence in voting for the minutes. Patt Hopkins seconded. Pat West made the motion to accept the amended October 9, 2018 minutes, Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Pat West made the motion to accept the November 13, 2018 minutes as written, Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

none

Old Business

none

New Business

The hot water heater has stopped working in the Hillman Branch. Once again Lakeshore Heating and Cooling came to check it out, it is dead. A new gas one similar to the one we have cost \$1000-\$1200. To switch to electric would take an electrical permit, and electrician to run all new wiring as there is none there currently. The Director will put out for bids in the paper.

Directors Contract

The Director presented her contract, after much discussion the Board decided to leave everything the same as the last contract.

Donna Robillard made the motion to accept the contract as presented, Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried. (see attachment)

The Board decided to table the employees wages until January meeting.

Trustee Position

Robin Smiley's trustee position is about to expire on the board. She has expressed interest in continuing on the board. **Donna Robillard made the motion to recommend to the County Commissioners Robin Smiley be reappointed to the Library Board for the 5 year term. Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

Directors Report

Art in Atlanta School has started today, will be doing Lewiston tomorrow, still trying to get this worked out in Hillman.

We have hired another part-time librarian for Hillman. She will start the first of the year.

The Librarians reports:

Andrea from Atlanta report: We have been very busy. Wendy B decorated the Library for Christmas and did a beautiful job. Lori's desk window is really neat with snowmen skating. Everyone enjoyed painting the stem less wineglasses or glass items brought from home on Wed afternoon. Story hour was also Wed. morning the kids listened to "Snow What Fun" and decorated sugar cookies, made by Wendy.

We had 2 patrons pass away in the month so it's been quite difficult. For one of the patrons all memorials are directed to the Atlanta Library. Patrons Mike and Anita placed a nice thank you to the staff in the Tribune. Lori ordered a Christmas Huskie that lights up for our front yard. It just came today and is very neat. The kids will love it.

Wendy from Lewiston reports: Good Afternoon Ladies. We lost a very dear patron in November, Shirley Raybuck. I will miss her. Ladies Night out went really well and we had a lot of fun seeing the girls all decked out with their bling lights! We almost sold out of them!! The wine glasses were a big hot! I hope we can do it again.

I had a community member come to me with community service hours needed for his probation in Montmorency County. I had him get out and set up the Christmas tree, fix book shelves in the children's section, paint the shelf in the furnace room, (Now I don't need a new cabinet) dusted all the beams in the Library. I had him doing a lot! It was great help and it looks really clean in the Library. Brooke also has been washing all the book shelves and putting away browser cards

to help her learning. I had a call from her supervisor to see how she was doing. I directed him to Wendy Burden as I do not work Mondays.

I also had a lot of kind words about the Christmas crafts here during the Holiday market. Most of them from young families on tight budgets that felt included those 2 weekends. That made me proud to be a part of ! Story hour is slowing down a bit, I think due to the holidays. Card class has switched to daytime(due to driving after dark) and will return to the evenings in the spring. The Gala was a great time as always!! I am not sure how much money they raised. I am waiting to hear from Lyn Marson and will report as soon as I can. Still hoping they will help with the siding project in the spring.

Merry Christmas and see you all soon.

Tina from Hillman reports: Good Afternoon. We had a quiet November. Janet was in our building one day for me, which was very nice. Sally put up the Library tree at the Mill this year. We have a volunteer who has not celebrated Christmas in 15 years who has enjoyed helping with the decorating of our 4 Christmas trees. On the 27th and 28th the Hillman 4th and 5th grade classes visited the library. Library cards were issued and they became familiar with the building. They will be coming at later dates to do research and check out books. We had 29 ladies attend our stem less wineglass drop in craft and they loved it! Our hot water heater is not working- we are currently waiting on bids. We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2019 at Atlanta Branch, 1:00p.m.

Adjournment

Mary Burek made motion to adjourn, at 4:43pm. Patt Hopkins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Smiley

accepted January 22, 2019