

Call to Order

President Betty Comoford 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): Betty Comoford, 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: Tina Mulka, Hillman Librarian

Approval of Agenda

Patt Hopkins made the motion to approve the agenda Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Minutes to Meeting

Donna Robillard made the motion to accept the minutes from May 8, 2018, Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

none

Old Business

none

New Business

Summer Reading Program is moving right along and the picnic is approaching July 27, 2018 in Briley Township Park, Atlanta, starting at 6pm. Board members are encouraged to volunteer that day. There will be a drum lady, the balloon lady, lessons for the ukulele that each family will receive at the picnic, face painting, dress up clothes, and new this year is a backdrop to have your photo taken wearing your dress up clothes, and lots of other crafts etc.

50 pizzas and 50 orders of crazy bread are ordered from Little Cesar's in Gaylord, cookies and cupcakes for dessert and watermelon.

Time to renew the lease on the copiers with Dunns in Gaylord. The Director received a bid from Dunns, then decided to look other places, she found a better deal on "Google" that was over \$1,700 cheaper. When questioned on set up, service etc, they said they had a business in Gaylord who would they work with on those things. Turns out it was Dunns and when the Director called Dunns with this price they were a little upset, Dunns cannot even get the copiers for that price. We have always had a great response from Dunns when our equipment has gone down, they are fast and knowledgeable about their equipment. The Director asked to table this to try and figure out what will be best for the Library.

The Director requested the August meeting be changed from August 14 to August 21, 2018.
Patt Hopkins made the motion to change the meeting from August 14, 2018 to August 21, 2018, at 1pm at the Lewiston Branch. Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Directors Report

The Librarians reports:

Tina from Hillman reports: Good Afternoon. May found us wrapping up all outreach programs at the schools & preparing for SRP. Our adult art in June was another success with 8"artists" attending. All felt like artists when they left. We have 76 children signed up for SRP and are averaging 59 a week for the drop in. The circus clown visited the Library on the 18 and did a half hour performance. They then donated 10 children's tickets which we had a drawing for and gave away to SR children. Keith and I have hauled 2 truck loads of shrub cuttings from the front of the building, and it still needs more trimming. I believe it has been 2 years since our parking lot has been sealed. The sealer recommended it be done every 2 years to keep it in the condition it is in. We received a very generous donation of a new couch from The Seekers of Family History, and Paul Wolne's family. It has become a new favorite place of a few regulars. We also received a couple of tables, they don't match so Keith has volunteered to spray the tables so they will be the same color. We are now looking for tables and chairs.

Our middle heating/cooling unit is not working properly! It was not working efficiently in the winter, and now that the cooling is on it seems that it cannot keep up. The summer patrons are back in full & all comment on how happy they are to be back to this Library! Stay cool.

Andrea from Atlanta reports: We have been very busy. 75 folders have been picked up by kids that signed up for the SRP. 5 have turned in their completed logs, but are still coming in each week. Wendy and I are getting items together for the fair booth which starts July 23. The theme this year is Hometown Hero's. The Library has a craft on Wednesday July 18, 2018 to decorate a red, white and blue star for their honoree. One Monday we had 45 kids come in to do the drop in.

Wendy from Lewiston reports: Good Afternoon Ladies. This has been one of the busiest summers to date for me here at the Library. With the new business across the street we have been very busy. We have had so many new patrons sign up for cards. The SRP is in full swing with great attendance from the kids. Our card class is still going strong with a waiting list every month. The Garden Club cancelled the Make Lewiston Beautiful contest as there were no entries but us.

The "FoLL" and the Library are working on the watering system here for the reading garden. They made need to upgrade the system to better water the grass. So with that being said Lori and I have talked about getting bids for siding the front part of the building. I am trying to get bids as I am waiting to hear back from a few contractors. (sigh) Call backs are hard to get with everyone in full swing of summer.

The Director reports:

The reading garden in Lewiston has lost the irrigation and has turned into a dried up mess so the Library has purchased hoses to keep it alive. There is only one faucet to hook up to, which is at the opposite end of the building and must be dragged and moved around to water the garden.

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This piece of property is once again an issue because it is not owned by the "Friends" or the Library. The "Friends" had permission to use this land as a reading garden, they believe that owner has passed away and one of the "Friends" is looking into this. They must get this irrigation problem fixed soon. The sprinkler must be on 8 hours a day and manually moved around to keep the garden alive.

Albert Township has a fund the Library contributes to help maintain the building, we have requested to know how much is in this account to apply towards siding the building. This is a township owned building.

The SRP is the largest amount of participants we have ever had. Another year we will have to order more of everything, we have 120 ukuleles, with one per family to be handed out at the picnic.

The fiber optic internet in Lewiston is still not hooked up, with installation set for August.

President Betty Comoford will be moving out of our county and at this time is officially turning in her resignation from the Library Board. This will be her last meeting. The Library Board regretfully accepted her resignation and thanked Betty for being a valued Board member for 12 years, most of those as President.

The opening in the board must be filled by someone from Lewiston or Atlanta. The Director will advertise in Tribune.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at **Lewiston Branch**, 1pm.

Adjournment

Motion made by Patt Hopkins to adjourn, at 1:50pm. Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Smiley
accepted 9-11-2018