Heartland Regional Library System Minutes of Board Meeting December 19, 2023

After a time of refreshments and conversation, the board meeting was called to order by President, Lerilee Huhman.

Roll Call of Board Members and Librarians present: Lerilee Huhman, Eleanor Terry, Carole Wagner, Denise Tyler, Ralf Trusty, Stacey Dunham, April Noblett, Chrissi Germann, Nora Bond, Dawn Payne, Rachel Williams, and Lisa Garro. Kacie James was absent. Anne Graves has resigned.

Public Comments: none

<u>November Minutes:</u> Nora made a motion to approve the November Minutes. Seconded by Eleanor. Motion carried.

<u>Financial Reports:</u> Eleanor moved to approve the November Financial Reports; Ralf seconded it. Motion carried.

<u>Monthly Expenditures and Transfer of Funds:</u> Denise moved the acceptance of this information; Carole seconded it; motion carried.

Director's Report:

- Lisa attended the MPLD Conference.
- Lisa talked about AI. Some libraries have robots that shelve books.
- Librarians shared SWAG.
- Attorney answered questions; sunshine law; discouraged use of personal cell phones and emails.
- Lisa is preparing resource binders for each branch that can be used by staff to better help patrons.
- Lisa is rethinking asking voters for an increase in the tax levy in favor a sales tax increase. To do so would mean asking our state representative to add Maries County to statute 182.802.
- Lisa will be on vacation next week.

Other Librarians' Reports (Kacie, Chrissi, and Dawn): Flyers were presented with information on their upcoming programs.

<u>Communications:</u> Eldon's rental contract will go up to \$800.00 next year and increase \$100.00 each year until 2028.

<u>Old Business:</u> Eleanor moved that the regional contract be raised from 2.5% to 5.0%. Motion was seconded by Carole. Motion carried.

New Business: Slate of Officers was presented:

President: Carole Wagner
 Vice President: Nora Bond
 Secretary: Eleanor Terry
 Treasurer: Ralf Trusty

A motion was made by April to accept this slate of officers; seconded by Stacey. Motion carried.

There was no Executive Session.

The next meeting will be January 16, 2024.

Christmas wishes were shared.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Terry*, Secretary