

Heartland Regional Library System

Minutes of Board Meeting

May 16, 2023

The meeting as called to order by President, Lerilee. Eleanor Terry was chosen to take Laura's place as secretary.

Roll Call: Denise, Lerilee, Nora, Ralf, Mary, Eleanor, Carole, and Ann. April was present on zoom. Librarians present: Lisa, Chrissy, Kacie, and Dawn.

We talked, with sadness, about Laura and how much we will miss her. There were no minutes from last month's meeting. Lisa said she would ask Laura's daughter if she could find them. A motion was made by Eleanor and seconded by Carole to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Ralf moved to approve April financial statements; Carole seconded it. Motion carried. Carole moved to reapprove the March financial reports. Lerilee seconded it. Motion carried.

Monthly Expenditures and Transfer of Funds:

- Lisa is trying to renegotiate trash expenses with Bertoni for \$25.00 a month. We have to pay the other business \$20.00 to cancel with them.
- Mary asked what Foam Daddy was and questioned the cost of \$4,650.00. It's a fun thing for events. Paid for with state aid money.
- Scott Computer Services and Candid Community Database were also discussed.
- Lisa still has state aid money to spend and has received more. We cannot always count on it, but can use it for whatever is needed except books. It must be spent this year or we will lose it.

Director and Librarian Reports:

- Ashcroft's Rule:
A committee of public librarians are working on a policy that will follow Ashcroft's rule. Lawyers have suggested that every section of library should be labeled for age appropriateness (0-11, 12-18, 18 and over). Can't use state aid money for questionable material. Presentations must also have age range designations. Anyone challenging what is being done must live in the district and also have a child living there. All policies must be submitted to Secretary of State's office by July 31st.
- Furnace will be replaced in Iberia tomorrow, May 17, 2023.
- People around the United States sent letters to Missouri in our support.
- MPLD June Conference will be May 31st-June 2nd, 2023.
- Copier overages: It is more economical to pay overages than to go to the higher amount.

- Beanstack and Goosechase subscriptions were cancelled because of lack of use.
- Lisa is on the committee to evaluate Mark Twain books. Kacie is on The Missouri Association of School Librarians Truman Committee to evaluate books.
- Other librarians gave reports on what they are doing: Summer Programs; Kindness Rocks; Sharing is Caring; Happy Trails; Book Clubs; Read, Learn, Experience; Read, Chat, Create; Crafternoon; Author Talk; Chair Yoga; etc.

Communications: None

Unfinished Business: Discussion of new van – time to purchase, etc. No decision.

New Business:

There is someone interested in coming onto the board to replace Laura. More information later.

District Library Board Report:

Those who have used the online training said it was good.

Committee Reports:

- One-hundred-year celebration in Eldon –
They are setting up a Friends of the Library group; working on by-laws, etc.

Executive Session: Librarians left.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Terry
Eleanor Terry, Secretary