

# Heartland Regional Library System

## Minutes of Board Meeting

November 21, 2023

The 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, and Lisa Garro. Ralf Trusty, Stacey Dunham, April Noblett, and Chrissi Germann were present on zoom. Nora Bond, Dawn Payne, Rachel Williams, Anne Graves, and Kacie James were absent.

Public Comments: none

October Minutes: Carole made a motion to approve the October Minutes. Seconded by Denise. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Eleanor moved to approve the October Financial Reports; Carole seconded it. Motion carried.

Monthly Expenditures and Transfer of Funds: Carole moved the acceptance of this information; April seconded it; motion carried.

### Director's Report:

- Lisa reported that the 100-year celebration in Eldon was a success.
- Lisa reported that she attended the meeting on senate Bill 190. Over sixty were in attendance. Those who are age 62 and older will not pay more in property taxes than their last valuation. This is a tax freeze, not a reduction therefore, Heartland can expect to not have a decrease in tax revenues.
- Two \$2000.00 grants were presented to Eldon from Ameren UE.
- Ruby will be retiring on August 31<sup>st</sup> after sixty years of service. Lisa will hire a replacement in July, and Ruby will train her/him to be the next branch manager.
- Lisa recommended that the library be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup> for the yearly extra two holidays allowed during Christmastime. Eleanor moved that these dates be accepted. Seconded by Denise. Motion carried.
- Lisa announced that there will be a staff meeting at 10:00 am followed by a Christmas party at noon on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The library branches will be closed.
- Lisa reported that the door counters have been ordered. We will now know exactly how many people use the library on a daily basis and at each branch.

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

Communications: none

Old Business: Ralf will come to the Vienna Library tomorrow (November 22, 2023) and sign the bank card for the safe deposit box.

Committee Reports:

- Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers. We will vote in December:
  - President: Carole Wagner
  - Vice President: Nora Bond
  - Secretary: Eleanor Terry
  - Treasurer: Ann Graves
- Budget Committee: The budget was presented by the budget committee, Lerilee, Carole, and Ralf. Ralf moved to accept the budget. Eleanor seconded it. Motion carried.
- Lisa would like to increase the yearly percentage amount put into the capital improvements funds for each county from unexpended funds from 2.5% to 5%. The contract between Maries and Miller Counties will have to be updated to do this. Ralf (Millers County) and Denise (Maries County) agreed to be on the committee. It will need to be voted on then the board will need to amend the budget to reflect this change.

Missouri State Standards Review:

- Section 3. Facilities. Lisa reported that his section will need a lot of work as our facilities need a lot of work. I was decided to put this section on hold for now and the board will decide what areas to work on first then will work up to the bigger issues. We will move on to the next section (Human Resources) at the December meeting.

There was no Executive Session.

The next meeting will be December 19, 2023.

There being no further business, Eleanor moved the meeting be adjourned. Denise seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Eleanor Terry*  
Eleanor Terry, Secretary