**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**March 8, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by President George Griffin. in attendance: Brann, Earlywine, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels, Pennington – present. Punzelt, Young – absent. No trustees attending remotely via Zoom.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: Brann, second by Gross to approve minutes from February 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

**Correspondence, communications, and public comments:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** All of the major expenses for this fiscal year have been paid. MOTION: Michels, second by Earlywine to accept finance report. Motion carried.

**\*Book:** None

**\*House:** Many positive comments on the new LED sign. The north door has been sticking. It has been repaired.

**Librarian’s Report**: Librarian Pennington reported that the snow slowed down usage but now moving forward. RBdigital is discontinuing services but our Overdrive consortium voted to add e-magazines to the collections. Annual subscription is considerably less than RBdigital. The library was awarded a last-mile circuit to ICN in the DoIT Consortium. Librarian Pennington originally requested a 50mb circuit but had an opportunity to upgrade to 100mb internet. This will begin in July. Magazine display case was removed and donated to Tiger Senior Apartments. The annual library certification was submitted to the state on February 17. The library received our $500 PPE reimbursement for supplies needed for Covid. Librarian Pennington placed the final order of mental health books. The Back to Books grant period ends on April 30. MOTION: Gill, second by Michels to approve statistics/librarians report. Motion carried.

\***Friends:** Friends will meet March.

**Old Business:** President Griffin has been in contact with Randy Turner concerning the light project for the vestibule; this project is expected to be completed by April 1.

**New Business:** A rough draft of the budget for the next fiscal year was presented. Concerns on minimum wage increase and the elevator grant were discussed. There have been requests for meeting room usage. Due to Covid restrictions, changes in the usage policy were necessary. MOTION: Earlywine, second by Brann to implement an updated policy. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous:**  Librarian Pennington virtually attended the **Legislative Meetups** sponsored by the **Illinois Library Association** on February 26. The Big Read will include virtual programs offered by Terre Haute with no in-person programs to be held in Paris.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 8th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.