**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**September 9, 2019**

\*\*\* as amended and approved 10/21/2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President George Griffin. In attendance were Karen Earlywine, Evie Gill, Richard Gross, Roxanne Michels, Susan Punzelt, Janine Brann and Librarian Teresa Pennington. Absent was Trustee Bruce Young and Cherie Lehman.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: Punzelt, second by Brann to approve minutes from July 29, 2019. Motion carried.

**Correspondence, communications and public comments:** A thank you was read from Mike Throneburg’s family.

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** MOTION: Michels, second by Earlywine to accept finance report. Motion carried.

**\*Book:** None

**\*House:** The boiler was inspected and needs suggested updates. Griffin will contact a furnace service company. The elevator may need maintenance. Estimated cost is $1400. Restroom signage must be all-gender as defined by state law. Librarian Pennington will order new signs.

**Librarian’s Report**: July was a busy month. The shelves were overcrowded and needed to be thinned out. Discarded/outdated books will be sold at the Friends’ Book Sale. Printers were not printing correctly, 2nd computer mouse missing, internet outage caused by lightning strike surge. Three (3) public computers were hacked by a young patron, requiring 10-12 hours to restore them to original setup. The security on all public computers has since been strengthened. The young perpetrator is currently banned from using the library. The circulation desk laptop upgrade is on hold due to the recent internet issues. The ECCF grant application is finished and ready for delivery. MOTION: Gross, second by Gill to approve statistics/librarians report. Motion carried.

\***Friends:** The Friends will have the Book Sale September 13-14.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The internet outage brought concerns for future connectivity. ICN Library Customers are offering an E-rate consortium to act on behalf of E-rate eligible schools and libraries. The E-rate would reduce the cost. MOTION: Michels, second by Punzelt to allow Librarian to sign an E-rate letter of agency. Motion approved.

The Paris Library was one of 20 libraries in the Greater Midwest Region to receive an NNLM grant, “All of Us Community Engagement Network Consumer Health Collection Award.” This grant allows the library to purchase $1000 of health-related books. The new books are recommended by the National Library of Medicine.

**Miscellaneous:**  None

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, October 21, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.