**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**April 14, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Kristi McGill. Boylan, Earlywine, Garst, Gill, Gross, McGill - present. Brann, Lehman, Punzelt – absent.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: Gross, second by Earlywine to approve minutes from March 10, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** Director Boylan reported that utilities and internet were unusually high. She will investigate lowering the cost of the internet at the library. The copy machine is getting older and might need replacement in the future.

**\*Book:** None

**\*House:** The roof in the newer addition is leaking again. Director Boylan will have Richard Cash contact Honest Abe Roofing, again. Gill, second by Gross to accept all committee reports. Motion carried.

**Librarian’s Report**: Director Boylan reported circulation is up and they are working on Children’s programs. The new IGA with 95 was signed. ROSC has been hosting more events at the library and have discussed activities that the library might help run. The Big Read books are being passed out to the public with an event on April 29. MOTION: Earlywine, second by Gross to accept librarian’s report. Motion carried.

\***Friends:** The friends announced the book sale will permanently be held on the 1st Saturday of June.

**Old Business:** The architect facility evaluation cost ($94,100) was higher than expected. There were a few questions concerning the evaluation. Boylan will contact the architect. MOTION: Gross, second by Earlywine to accept the proposal when all questions have been answered. Motion carried.

The Wellman Bequest was finalized. The funds were not designated for a specific use.

**New Business:** The board reviewed a letter received from Alexi Giannoulias, Secretary of State and State Librarian for Illinois, concerning the elimination of seven agencies, including one that funds libraries around the country – the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). It is believed that the Paris Library would be able to function but would be severely affected by President Trump’s cuts.

Repairs and funding also may be impacted. Stripping these vital resources threatens the sustainability of libraries.

**Miscellaneous:**  Next meeting is May 12, 2025.

MOTION: Gross, second by Gill to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.