**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**June 14, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by President George Griffin. Brann, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels, Pennington – present. Earlywine, Punzelt, Young – absent.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: Michels, second by Brann to approve amended minutes from April 12, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

**Correspondence, communications, and public comments:** A thank you letter was received from Mary Miller, 15th Dist. Congresswoman, for the use of the Gibson Room.

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** The final fiscal report was reviewed along with checks report. MOTION: Gill, second by Michels to accept finance report. Motion carried.

**\*Book:** None

**\*House:** The Sharps containers need a mounting bracket for installation. The water line cover by the north entrance is jutting up on the sidewalk causing a tripping hazard. The back stack ceiling and a table need repair. The front entrance light project is in a waiting status.

**Librarian’s Report**: Librarian Pennington reported that the May circulation numbers are up considerably. UI Extension will partner with the library to offer “Reading Colors your World” a series of children and adult programs. Librarian Pennington attended an IHLS webinar on developing and writing job descriptions and met with ICN representative about the upcoming internet changes. She also submitted the quarterly report for Back to Books grant. The grant money has been spent. Roger Stanley held a book signing on April 17. Donations have been good. The mask policy has been relaxed. MOTION: Gross, second by Brann to accept Librarian’s report. Motion carried.

\***Friends:** Shakespeare in the Park performance by Stone Soup will be presented September 18.

**Old Business:** The State Library Construction Grant officially notified the library that we have been awarded a grant toward upgrading the elevator. A proposed agreement contract was presented. MOTION: Brann, second by Gross to approve and sign the contract with the State of Illinois Library for the elevator upgrade. Motion carried.

**New Business:** The board reviewed the current policy for vacations, pay schedules and sick leave. It was decided to table discussion on vacations and implement a 2% raise for library staff. MOTION: Gross, second by Michels to award a 2% raise across the board. Motion carried.

MOTION: Michels, second by Brann to continue participation in non-resident card program. Fee is $32 for non-residents. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous:**  Paris Library is now a member of Explore More Illinois. This program allows library patrons to access discounts and other offerings from museums, historical societies, performing and visual arts centers and other attractions. Visit https://exploremore.quipugroup.net/?Paris.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 12th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.