**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**February 8, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President George Griffin. Roll call attendance: Brann(remote), Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels(remote), Punzelt(remote), Pennington, Young – present. Earlywine – absent.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: Brann, second by Gross to approve minutes from January 8, 2021 meeting. 8 ayes – Brann, Earlywine, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels, Punzelt, Young; 0 nays; 1 absent. Motion carried.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** MOTION: Young, second by Michels to accept finance report.

8 ayes – Brann, Earlywine, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels, Punzelt, Young; 0 nays; 1 absent. Motion carried.

**\*Book:** None

**\*House:** The LED sign has been completed. The back stacks ceiling needs repair. A previous leak has caused some damage to the drywall. Librarian Pennington will contact someone for repairs.

**Librarian’s Report**: Librarian Pennington reported that library has steady patronage but would like to see more patrons. The librarians are considered essential workers and can be included in vaccine phases 1b. Librarian Pennington attended the IHLS Member Matters online meeting and a committee meeting to help set up a mentoring program for new library directors. MOTION: Gross, second by Gill to approve statistics/librarians report. 8 ayes – Brann, Earlywine, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels, Punzelt, Young; 0 nays; 1 absent. Motion carried.

\***Friends:** Meeting was cancelled for February.

**Old Business:** The library submitted the Live & Learn Accessibility Grant application to the state library on January 15 and received a copy of the official sign-off letter from the preservation agency on the elevator grant application. The board reviewed the updated bylaws reflection changes in Open Meetings Act. MOTION: Gross, second by Earlywine to approve revised Bylaws. 8 ayes – Brann, Earlywine, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels, Punzelt, Young; 0 nays; 1 absent. Motion carried.

**New Business:** The library will begin extended hours February 8. Requests for meeting rooms were discussed. Since returned books are placed on tables in the meeting rooms for a designated period of time due to Covid safety regulations, it was decided to delay room usage.

**Miscellaneous:**  Librarian Pennington encouraged the board to virtually attend the **Legislative Meetups** sponsored by the **Illinois Library Association** on February 26.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 8th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.