**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**September 8, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:48 p.m. by President Kristi McGill. Boylan, Brann, Earlywine, Garst, Gill, Gross, Lehman, McGill, Schneider - present. Punzelt – absent.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: Lehman, second by McGill to approve minutes from July 14, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

**Correspondence, communications, and public comments:** Letters were received from Senator Chapin Rose inviting the board to the Local Officials Roundtable on August 26.

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** Director Boylan reported that the library received the per capita grant of $12,229.23. MOTION: Gross, second by Gill to accept finance report. Motion carried. The first bill from Reifsteck Wakefield Fanning & Company is due on October 5 for a cost of $7,741.00. This is for facility evaluation. MOTION: McGill, second by Earlywine to pay this bill from the city-controlled account. Motion carried.

**\*Book:**

**\*House:** The side door is still an issue. Waiting on report from architect before repairing or replacing.

**Librarian’s Report**: Director Boylan reported a drop in circulation due to family vacations. Overdrive did better. Comics Plus comes due in October, no estimate on cost. Summer Reading had 100 children sign up this year with 22 completing the Summer Reading Challenge. These numbers are up from last year! Marie Wimsett and Tei White read their children's book to 12 attendees. As a cost saving factor, the library will be switching from ICN to Metro (Conxxus). The price for our phones and internet combined will be $187 per month, with a 3-year contract. MOTION: Lehman, second by Brann to accept librarian’s report. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** The architect team began roof inspection. As discussed previously, the library will purchase 2 streaming sticks and video games to be offered to the patrons.

**New Business:** The board discussed a digital language-learning platform, Mango Languages. The cost for 1 year is $1,700 including the languages, ASL Inside and Little Pimm. This program allows unlimited access to over 70 languages and 20 ESL courses. MOTION: McGill, second by Schneider to try for one year. Motion carried. Reviewed the Crestwood IGA. MOTION: McGill, second by Schneider to accept the Crestwood agreement with the recommended changes. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous:**  Next meeting is October 20, 2025. Library closed October 13 for Columbus Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.