**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**March 11, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by President Janine Brann. Boylan, Brann, Earlywine, Gill, Gross, Lehman, McGill, Punzelt present.

Garver, Griffin– absent.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: Gross, second by Lehman to approve minutes from February 12, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

**Correspondence, communications, and public comments:** Thank you from God’s Gang from First Christian Church for program in the library.

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** Budget is on track, nothing unusual in checks and deposits. Invoice for payment to CDS Office Technologies was presented and signed. MOTION: Gill, second by McGill to accept finance report. Motion carried.

**\*Book:** None

**\*House:** Director Boylan reported that the new security system is nearly finished, with the cameras installed. Brinkerhoff Cabinetry repaired a window.

**Librarian’s Report**: Director Boylan reported that there were plenty of activities at the library. Mary Liz Wright gave a nutrition program for seven people. Sage and Prim presented a soap making program, which was attended by 16 patrons. The Paris Fire Dept. gave a fire safety program and expressed interest in returning for a spring weather hazards program. Crochet saw a drop in attendance with attendees expressing interest in learning a paper craft offered in late March and then beginning a knitting class. District 95 expressed interest in an Intergovernmental Agreement with the library.

\***Friends:** The friends meet March 12, 2024. They are hoping to have a return visit from Debra Miller, portraying Mary Shelley.

**Old Business:** Director Boylan will continue to work on an outline for the creation of a Strategic Planning Committee. The committee will be making recommendations to the board concerning the Physical/Digital/Service presence of the library. Boylan presented a plan for a garden on the north side of the building. Mary Herrington Perry created a plan using native Illinois plants. MOTION: Earlywine, second by Lehman to go forward with the garden. Motion passed.

**New Business:** The incident that occurred on February 15 was discussed by the board. The board reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement with District 95. MOTION: Earlywine, second by Punzelt to enter into the agreement. Motion passed.

**Miscellaneous:**  The board talked of a possible book shop and a grant for Project Next Generation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30p.m. Next meeting was rescheduled due to the eclipse. MOTION: Lehman, second by Earlywine to meet Monday, April 15th, 2024. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.