**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**February 11, 2025**

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: Brann, second by McGill to approve minutes from January 13, 2025 meeting. Brann-aye, Gill-aye, Gross-aye, Lehman-aye, McGill-aye. Motion carried.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** Director Boylan noted that the utilities were higher due to the extremely cold weather. MOTION: Gross, second by Brann to approve finance report. Brann-aye, Gill-aye, Gross-aye, Lehman-aye, McGill-aye. Motion carried.

**\*Book:** None

**\*House:** Director Boylan reported that the automatic door repairs may cost $4,000 -$6,000. It was suggested that Boylan investigate cheaper alternatives or possibly replace it.

**Librarian’s Report**: Director Boylan reported that the new children’s librarian had 9 participants in the first week and 19 the following week. Headstart visited the library on January 15th and 16th with 17 different children each day. The children toured the library, enjoyed a Pete the Cat story and made heart decorations to give to their parents. The Illinois State Treasury held an iCash event which was very successful. They will schedule another event. MOTION: Gross, second by Gill to accept librarian’s report. Brann-aye, Gill-aye, Gross-aye, Lehman-aye, McGill-aye. Motion carried.

\***Friends:** None

**Old Business:** The board interviewed the 3 architect firms via Zoom. Interviews were 30 minutes each with information and allowing time for questions and answers. MOTION: Lehman, second by McGill to retain Reifsteck Wakefield & Fanning, Champaign, IL as architect for the library. Brann-aye, Gill-aye, Gross-aye, Lehman-aye, McGill-aye. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Director Boylan announced that the new website is ready to go online. MOTION: Gill, second by Brann to approve launching the new website. Brann-aye, Gill-aye, Gross-aye, Lehman-aye, McGill-aye. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous:**  Next meeting is March 10, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.