**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**January 13, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by President Kristi McGill. Boylan, Brann, Gill, Gross, Lehman - present. Earlywine, Griffin, Punzelt – absent.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: McGill, second by Lehman to approve minutes from November 11, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

**Correspondence, communications, and public comments:** Director Boylan read a letter of resignation from Maggie Garver.

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** Switching from Frontier to Sparklight will make the telephone bill cheaper and the internet more reliable. Director Boylan purchased ads in playbooks at Paris High School, Mayo and Crestwood in hopes it would create more interest. As a result, an increase in usage for Comics Plus has been noted. The bill for painting the children’s room was paid. MOTION: Gross, second by Gill to approve finance report. Motion carried.

**\*Book:** None

**\*House:** Director Boylan reported that the automatic door is sticking when the weather turns colder. Powdered graphite was suggested to help the situation.

**Librarian’s Report**: Director Boylan reported that Alexandra Hand has been hired as the new children’s librarian. The new website will debut in March. The library will participate in The Big Read. The nutrition program will change times to accommodate more attendees. MOTION: Lehman, second by Brann to accept librarian’s report. Motion carried.

\***Friends:** Friends will reimburse the library for the DQ coupons given out during the holidays.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Director Boylan submitted the meeting and calendar schedule for 2025. MOTION: McGill, second by Lehman to approve the proposed schedule with the inclusion of MLK and Juneteenth holidays. Motion carried.

The trustees reviewed all the submitted proposals from the architects. After much discussion, the selection was narrowed down to 3. The board requested the possibility of presentations with each of the three architect companies. Boylan will check on OMA before proceeding with any special meetings. The library received a generous bequest from Jean A. Wellman. It will go into the project fund.

**Miscellaneous:**  Library closed President’s Day. Next meeting is February 10, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.