**Paris Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**January 11, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by President George Griffin. Roll call attendance: Brann(remote), Earlywine, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels(remote), Punzelt(remote), Pennington – present. Young – absent.

Cherie Lehman has relocated out of the city and is no longer a voting board member.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** MOTION: Michels, second by Earlywine to approve minutes from December 14, 2020 meeting. 7 ayes – Brann, Earlywine, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels, Punzelt, Young; 0 nays; 1 absent. Motion carried.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance:** Finances remain stable. MOTION: Gross, second by Punzelt to accept finance report.

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

**\*Book:** None

**\*House:** Work has begun on the LED sign. Installation is now weather dependent.

**Librarian’s Report**: Librarian Pennington reported that library usage did not drop in December. She noted that many people are unaware that the library is open with reduced hours. The library distributed 87 Santa Sacks to children preschool through 5th grade. MOTION: Earlywine, second by Gill to approve statistics/librarians report. 7 ayes – Brann, Earlywine, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels, Punzelt, Young; 0 nays; 1 absent. Motion carried.

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

**Old Business:** The library submitted the PPE grant for reimbursement of $500. The Library continues to monitor Covid-19 conditions and is prepared to move to curbside if necessary, to protect patrons and staff. Masks are required to enter the library. The library will apply for the Live & Learn Accessibility Grant in order to update the elevator. This will be submitted by January 15. MOTION: Gross, second by Earlywine to approve submission of Live & Learn Grant. 7 ayes – Brann, Earlywine, Gill, Griffin, Gross, Michels, Punzelt, Young; 0 nays; 1 absent. Motion carried.

**New Business:** The board reviewed the first reading of updated bylaws reflecting changes in Open Meetings Act. Final vote will be February 8,2021.

**Miscellaneous:**  President Griffin and the board heartily commended Librarian Pennington for her dedication and hard work in keeping the library a viable resource for the community and her efforts in improving the library through her grant writing abilities. Well done and thank you!

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 8th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Gill, Secy.