

Middletown Public Library

March 20, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

6:00p.m. Library Conference Room

Board Members:

Present: John Grisham, Peter Van Steeden, Holly Levine, Lynda Bronaugh,

Steve Arendt, Mary Ulrich Budlong

Absent: Ed Wray

Quorum: Yes

Others Present: Barbara Camadeco, Virgel Blaschke

Proceedings:

- . Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Chair, John Grisham**
 - . Motion to accept minutes of February 20, 2007 as submitted.**
- Unanimously approved**

Correspondence:

- Sylvan Learning Center.**

Director's progress and financial reports on the library

- . Written report submitted. Barbara Camadeco orally reviewed information.**
- Motion to accept Director's report as submitted. Unanimously carried.**

Committee reports:

. Budget Committee

John Grisham reported budget committee has completed a budget for the trustees' review. Presentation will be during New Business.

. Director Search Committee

- Lynda Bronaugh reported that the ad's deadline is March 21st and the search committee will be meeting March 29th to review applications received.

Friends of the Library

- Virgel Blaschke reported that the Friends annual luncheon was last Sunday. Virgel Blaschke reported that the Friends are applying for a block grant for the front door renovation costs.

. Children's Room Improvement Committee

- No report

. IT Committee

- Steve Arendt reported the town council has given the IT committee the okay to move forward with the requested 4 items/goal.

. Library Hours

- Holly Levine reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday March 22. Annemarie Chase, Gladys Lavine and Nancy Corkery will be joining the committee. It was announced that anyone wishing to attend the meetings would be welcome.

Unfinished Business:

. UPS System

- Peter Van Steeden reported that blueprints were not on file at the building inspector's office. A set has been found and he will report back at the next meeting.

. Petition from Friends

- Motion to add agenda item to address Friends' petition from last meeting. Unanimously carried.

- Margaret Bellucci and Elizabeth Boyzan addressed the Trustees with a summary of the reasoning behind the letter.

- Motion for the board's members to express their intention to resign as of June 30. In favor-Steve Arendt Opposed - John Grisham, Peter Van Steeden, Holly Levine, Lynda Bronaugh, Mary Ulrich Budlong. The motion failed.

-Motion to move agenda item Public presentation to, or discussion with the board from after New Business to before. Unanimously approved.

Public presentation to, or discussion with the board

- Margaret Bellucci expressed her dissatisfaction with the board during the recent turmoil.

- Virgel Blaschke expressed the Friends intend to work with the trustees for the benefit of the library.

New Business:

. Discussion of proposed Fiscal 2008 Budget for submission to Town Council

- Steve Arendt presented budget in slide show format.

- Many questions were asked and Steve Arendt presented facts to back up the figures.
- Unanswered questions regarding line items for salary, health, dental and contingency needed more information from town hall. Steve Arendt was to attain these and board scheduled a meeting for Monday to go over the information. Budget should be ready for the town at completion of Monday's meeting.
- Motion to defer Trane Engineering study until July 2007. Unanimously carried.

Open Call by Chair Announcing Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-2, 42-46-4, 42-46-5(a)(1) (personnel matters), 42-46-5(a)(2) (litigation) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pertaining to Barbara Camadeco and litigation in connection with Open Meetings Complaint.

Barbara Camadeco received written notification and requested that the executive session be held in closed session.

Motion to go into executive session. Unanimously carried.

Executive session, door closed, session called to order at 8:35 P.M. – Executive session adjourned at 9:15 pm, doors opened, returned to open meeting.

. Motion to approve February 20, 2007 executive session minutes as submitted Unanimously approved.

. Motion to seal March 20, 2007 executive session minutes.

Unanimously approved

Announcements:

- None

Motion to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Holly Levine