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**Middletown Public Library**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Monday, July 9, 2007**

**Middletown Public Library, 700 West Main Road**

**Minutes**

**Board Members:**

**Present: John Grisham, Holly Levine, Lynda Bronaugh, Virgel Blaschke, Steve Arendt, Peter Van Steeden, Mary Budlong Ulrich**

**Quorum: Yes**

**Others Present: Barbara Smith, Noel Whitehurst. Jim Knowlton**

**Proceedings:**

- . Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair, John Grisham**
- . Motion to accept minutes of June 19, 2007. Unanimously approved**

**No Director's report.**

- . Joan Gorman has been acting director while Barbara Camadeco is on leave.**

**Correspondence:**

- . Application for Director's position received. The application period has ended. Applicant to be notified.**

**. Letter from NEARI. To be discussed in executive session.**

### **Committee Reports**

**--Budget Committee. While the final numbers are not yet available, Steve Arendt and John Grisham expressed confidence that the Library remained within budget for FY07. The committee's work for the fiscal year has been completed, and the committee stands adjourned until the next round of committee appointments in September.**

**--Friends. No report**

**--Children's Room. Mary Ulrich Budlong said that she was waiting for the FY'08 budget and the new director to be named before commencing the committee meetings. She will be setting up a schedule of meetings**

### **Old Business**

**--UPS System. Peter Van Steeden asked that we defer hiring Trane Engineering while he investigates other options for having the survey done. Action and discussion tabled.**

### **New Business**

**--Director's Search. John Grisham reported that the process was reaching its end, and he expected a formal announcement would be made later in the meeting.**

**-- Acknowledgement of the passing of Barbara Camadeco's father. The Friends will be accepting donations from trustees, staff, members of the Friends, and patrons. The donated funds will be**

**used to purchase children's books in his memory.**

**Public presentation to, or discussion with the board.**

**--Noel Whitehurst brought to the trustee's attention that a grievance was filed on June 28, 2007 in response to a memo that was posted by Barbara Camadeco before she left. John Grisham stated that we were not aware of this until this evening. Discussion referred to executive session.**

**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) (collective bargaining and/or litigation)**

**All parties received written notification and no requests to have an open session have been received. The executive session held in closed session.**

**Motion to go into executive session. Unanimously carried.**

**Executive session, door closed, session called to order at 6:35 pm – Executive session adjourned at 7:44 pm, doors opened, returned to open meeting.**

**The board voted to hire Mr. James K Knowlton to be the new Director. Vote was unanimous, with Holly Levine recusing herself due to a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Knowlton will be assuming his responsibilities on July 23, 2007.**

**Announcements: next board meeting August 21**

**Motion to adjourn. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50**

**pm.**

**Minutes submitted by Secretary, Holly Levine**