

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – October 20, 2009

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

Members Present: Paul LaMond, Chair; Steve Arendt; Sally Gauch; John Grisham; Joyce Morgenthaler.

Members Absent: Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas.

Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Heather Huggins; Sue Connor; Jerome Egan; Arak Bozyan.

--Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.

--Disposition of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of September 15, 2009 meeting: Gauch. Second: Morgenthaler. Unanimously carried.

--Motion to amend agenda, deferring executive session until after committee reports: Grisham. Second: Arendt. Unanimously carried.

--Motion to amend agenda to add committee appointments: Grisham. Second: Arendt. Unanimously carried.

Director's report: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information. Motion to accept: Grisham. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.

Committee reports/appointments:

--Discussion re role of individual subcommittees.

The chair made the following committee appointments:

--Friends Liaison: Joyce Morgenthaler.

--Budget: Steve Arendt, Chair; Paul LaMond.

--Contract Negotiations: Tabled, pending consultation with Attorney Kinder.

--Director's Evaluation: Sally Gauch, Chair; Lucie Dionne-Thomas.

--Policy Review: Paul LaMond, Chair; John Grisham.

Appointments to the Programs/Outreach and Long-Range Planning Committees deferred, pending appointment of a seventh member to the Board.

--Open call by Chair announcing Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-2, 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) (personnel matters) and 42-46-5(a)(2) (collective bargaining or litigation). No discussion re job performance to take place during session.

**Motion to enter Executive Session for said purposes: Grisham.
Second: Arendt. Unanimously carried.**

Executive session began at 6:55 P.M.

Open session resumed, 8:16 P.M.

**--Motion to seal Executive Session minutes: Grisham. Second:
Gauch. Unanimously carried.**

Old Business:

**--Discussion re parking spaces in Library lot. Theresa Coish reported
that painting has been completed, save for handicapped spaces.**

New Business:

--Updated job descriptions: Proposed changes reviewed.

**-Motion to amend job description re Head of Technical Services:
Arendt. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.**

**-Motion to amend job description re L4 position: Arendt. Second:
Gauch.**

Unanimously carried.

-Motion to amend job description re L6 position: Arendt. Second: Gauch.

Unanimously carried.

--The chair noted the upcoming Nov. 7 deadline for representatives of the Board to meet

with Union members re finalization of terms in contract (Sunday hours). Deadline to be extended 60 days per Union request.

Public presentation to, or discussion with the Board:

--Correspondence received from Evelyn LeDoux re upcoming retirement party for Barbara Renehan November 7th. Further details to be arranged.

--Preview demonstration by staff members of revamped Library website.

--Open call by Chair announcing resumption of Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-2, 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) (personnel matters). Motion to enter Executive Session for said purposes: Grisham. Second: Arendt. Unanimously carried.

Executive session resumed, 8:56 P.M.

Open session resumed at 9:13 P.M.

**--Motion to seal executive session minutes: Arendt. Second: Gauch.
Unanimously carried.**

**--Motion to deny request from former Director Knowlton: Gauch.
Second: Arendt. Unanimously carried.**

**--Motion to adjourn: Gauch. Second: Grisham. Unanimously
carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Grisham

Secretary