

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – November 16, 2010

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

Members Present: Paul LaMond, Chair; Steve Arendt; Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas; Sally Gauch; Ernest Gibbons; John Grisham; Ellrony Williams.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Sue Connor; Heather Huggins; Joanne Surgeon, Carolyn Redmond (Friends); Angela LeMire (Middletown Patch).

--Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of October 19, 2010 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: Gauch. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

--Minutes of October 26, 2010 special meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: LaMond. Second: Dionne-Thomas. 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) and 42-46-5(a)(2) (collective bargaining and/or litigation). Motion to enter executive session for stated purposes: Grisham. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.

Executive session began at 6:06 P.M.

Regular session resumed at 6:30 P.M.

--Motion to seal executive session minutes: Grisham. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.

--Motion to accept executive session minutes of October 26, 2010: Dionne-Thomas. Second: Williams. Motion carried by vote of 6-0, with Steve Arendt abstaining.

Correspondence received:

--Prior invitation to Nov. 15 inaugural meeting of new Town Council.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget: Steve Arendt reported that the Committee will begin meeting within the next few weeks. First draft of new budget to be submitted following the January meeting of the full Board.

--Contract Negotiations: No report. Negotiation sessions likely to be deferred until after preliminary budget estimates in January.

--Director's Evaluation: No report.

--Friends Liaison: Joanne Surgeon and Carolyn Redmond reported that the bookstore continues to thrive, with three high school volunteers working the same. The bookstore is now open six days weekly; possibility of its expansion discussed.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business:

--Repairs to non-fiction area (covered in Director's report). The Library hopes to regain regular use of the main meeting room by January.

New Business:

--West Main/Coddington Development Center Master Plan (covered in Director's report). Further information to be presented at next Board

meeting, following Nov. 18 discussion session at Town Hall.

Public presentation to, or discussion with the Board:

- No one asked to address the Board during this portion of the meeting.

Announcements:

-The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.

--Motion to adjourn: Gauch. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Grisham

Secretary