

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – December 21, 2010

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

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

Members Absent: Ernest Gibbons.

Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Sue Connor; Barbara VonVillas (Town Council liaison).

--Meeting called to order at 6:07 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.

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: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

Executive session began at 6:09 P.M.

Regular session resumed at 7:00 P.M.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of November 16, 2010 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: Arendt. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.

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

--Motion to accept executive session minutes of November 16, 2010: Gauch. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.

Correspondence received:

--None.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget: First draft of new budget reviewed; figures are tentative, subject to change pending further information from Town Hall. Steve Arendt reported that the Committee met on Dec. 8; tentative figures set by Board to be submitted to Town Hall by January 18, the date of the next Board meeting.

Contract Negotiations: No report.

--Director's Evaluation: No report.

--Friends Liaison: Theresa Coish reported the installation of a new door on the Friends' bookstore.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business:

--West Main/Coddington Development Center Master Plan. Nov. 18 discussion session at Town Hall addressed general questions regarding the plan, which is still in its early stages. Questions re functionality and location/relocation of Library building explored.

New Business:

--Discussion re establishment of new policy enabling the Library to accept stock and/or mutual fund donations. Account to be managed at the discretion of the Trustees. Motion to adopt: LaMond. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

--MPL Technology Plan for 2011-13 reviewed and discussed. Motion to accept: LaMond. Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

--Chair to send card, note of appreciation to former Trustee Joyce Morgenthaler and former Council liaison Arak Bozyan for their service to the Library.

--Possibility of Open House in April for National Library Week discussed, showcasing the recent changes and improvements to the Library facilities.

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, January 18, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.

--Motion to adjourn: Gauch. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Grisham

Secretary