

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – January 18, 2011

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; Heather Huggins.

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

Motion to amend agenda, deferring executive session to 7:00 P.M. to enable attendance by Attorney Kinder: Arendt. Second: Grisham. Unanimously carried.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of December 21, 2010 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept as amended: Gauch. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

Correspondence received:

--Card from Jane Galin, thanking the trustees for offering to purchase a book for the Library in memory of her deceased mother.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget: The Committee still has not received additional/updated line-item figures from Town Hall. Steve Arendt reported that the Committee will meet as soon as possible following receipt of the same. Theresa Coish reported that utility cost projections for FY 2012 have been finalized. Committee to maintain ongoing communication with Town Hall.

Contract Negotiations: Negotiations have yet to begin, as they hinge on the Library budget status, with insufficient data received thus far.

--Director's Evaluation: No report.

--Friends Liaison: The annual Friends' Luncheon is scheduled for March 27, 2011, at a location yet to be determined. Theresa Coish reported that many positive comments have been received regarding the new door for the Friends' bookstore. Discussion re possible

painting projects and art exhibits at the Library.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business:

--West Main/Coddington Development Center Master Plan. A public forum is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 20 at Town Hall to address the plan. All interested persons are invited to attend.

New Business:

--Discussion re Family Medical Leave policy tabled, pending receipt of additional information and feedback from legal counsel. It is anticipated that this will be addressed at the February meeting.

--Discussion re FY2012 Capital Improvements Plan budget. Motion to authorize Director to have cabling project submitted as proposed capital improvement: Arendt. Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

Public presentation to, or discussion with the Board:

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

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: Arendt. Second: Grisham. Unanimously carried.

Executive session began at 7:23 P.M.

Regular session resumed at 8:18 P.M.

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

Motion to approve executive session minutes of Dec. 21, 2010: Arendt. Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

Announcements:

-The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Grisham

Secretary