

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – April 19, 2011

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Barbara VonVillas, Town Council Liaison; Sue Connor, Heather Huggins.

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

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of March 15, 2011 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept as amended: Gauch. Second: Williams. 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: Dionne-Thomas.
Unanimously carried.**

Executive session began at 6:08 P.M.

Regular session resumed at 6:50 P.M.

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

Correspondence received:

--Letter from Middletown Rotary Club, thanking Director Theresa Coish and the Library staff for use of the facility for its Cereal Night fundraiser.

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 met on April 14th to review and revise the proposed FY2011 Library budget for the scheduled April 27 Workshop at Town Hall. Review and discussion of proposed revisions. Motion to adopt revisions: Arendt. Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

--Contract Negotiations: Addressed in Executive Session.

--Director's Evaluation: No report.

--Friends Liaison: Theresa Coish reported that the annual Friends' Luncheon took place on Sunday, March 27th. The Director gave a PowerPoint presentation at the meeting, detailing and expressing appreciation for the Friends' contributions to the Library. Joanne Surgeon has been elected president of the Friends, whose next regular meeting will be held on April 20th. The Bookstore is now open six days weekly.

--Policy Review: No report. Further policy changes to be addressed as needed.

Unfinished Business:

--None.

New Business:

--Discussion re participation by Library in annual Spring Cleanup. A voluntary Saturday morning cleanup on the Library grounds may be planned in May, prior to Memorial Day.

Public presentation to, or discussion with the Board:

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

Slide presentation honoring the Friends of the Library given by Theresa Coish to Trustees. New photographs on Library website displayed.

Announcements:

-The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Grisham

Secretary