

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – August 16, 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 6:05 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of July 19, 2011 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: Arendt. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.

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

Correspondence received:

-- Thank-you note from Reference Librarian Heather Huggins, expressing appreciation for the Board's prior recognition of her 20 years of service.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget: No report.

--Contract Negotiations: No report.

--Director's Evaluation: To be addressed in Executive Session.

--Friends Liaison: The Friends will be taking up a collection to assist staff member Erin McCarthy in her bereavement.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business:

--Discussion re HVAC Energy Enhancement Project. All bids

previously received exceed budget. Motion to reject all prior bids: Dionne-Thomas. Second: Williams. Unanimously carried. Unanimous consensus that Director should proceed according to judgment re bidding out the project piecemeal or working with state contractor to complete it in steps.

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). Director Theresa Coish waived notice and the right to open session. Motion to enter executive session for stated purposes: Grisham. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.

Executive session began at 6:58 P.M.

Regular session resumed at 7:38 P.M.

New Business:

-- Following prior receipt of Director's Evaluation, Motion to award Director a \$2,000 bonus, plus increase of three days in annual leave and an additional two days of personal time: Arendt. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.

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, September 20, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Grisham

Secretary