

**Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting – October 18, 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 6:03 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.**

**The Chair opened the meeting with the introduction and welcome of Candise Prewitt as the new head of Children's Services.**

**Disposition of Minutes:**

**--Minutes of September 20, 2011 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: Dionne-Thomas. 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 purposes stated: Grisham. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.**

**Executive session began at 6:08 P.M., adjourned at 6:20 P.M.**

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

**Correspondence received:**

**-- None.**

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

**Committee reports:**

**--Budget: Steve Arendt reported that the committee would likely begin meeting prior to December, with an initial draft budget possibly submitted to the full Board at the December meeting of the Trustees.**

**--Contract Negotiations: The Chair appointed Ernest Gibbons and**

**Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas to the committee, with John Grisham appointed as an alternate.**

**--Director's Evaluation: No report.**

**--Friends Liaison: Dedication of gold leaf in honor of Joyce Morgenthaler pending. Update re Friends' fundraiser at Ruby Tuesday's during weekend of Oct. 21-23 (promotional 20% off coupons to be available at circulation and children's service desks). Discussion re possible advisory committee oversight of community garden project.**

**--Policy Review: No report.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**-- Proposed standing Committee for Strategic Planning. Discussion re outline of committee's function and mandate. Board members to submit ideas for discussion at next Board meeting.**

**New Business:**

**--None.**

**Public presentation to, or discussion with the Board:**

**--Council Liaison Barbara VonVillas updated the Trustees on discussions with Town Hall regarding the status of the Library building, and the need for repairs.**

**Announcements:**

**-The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John W. Grisham  
Secretary**