

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – January 11, 2012

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; Attorney Daniel Kinder; Sue Connor, Candise Prewitt.

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

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of December 20, 2011 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: Arendt. Second: LaMond. 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 6:05 P.M., ended at 7:20 P.M.

**(Motion to end executive session: Grisham. Second: Arendt.
Unanimously carried.)**

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

**Executive session minutes of December 20, 2011 approved. (Motion:
Gauch. Second: Arendt. Unanimously carried.)**

**The Chair announced a short recess, regular meeting resumed at 7:24
P.M.**

Correspondence received:

**--Letter to Director and Trustees from staff member Ada Souza,
expressing gratitude for her welcoming gifts.**

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

Committee reports:

--Budget: Steve Arendt reported that the committee's scheduled January meeting was cancelled following postponement of the Library's Budget Workshop with Town Hall. A few line items from Town Hall remain outstanding. The committee will meet prior to the February Board meeting, for the purpose of finalizing its FY2013 budget proposal.

--Contract Negotiations: Committee chair to touch base with Attorney Kinder re scheduling of initial meeting.

--Director's Evaluation: No report.

--Friends Liaison: Theresa Coish reported that the site for the Friends' annual meeting in March remains to be determined. Committee meetings for the community garden project are under way, with discussions as to logistics and getting the public involved. The Friends are also sponsoring the Children's Library's Name-the-Mermaid contest.

--Policy Review: Discussion re proposed revisions to Library's Internet Use Policy, as pertaining to use of computers by adults in the Children's Room. Motion to adopt new policy as amended: Arendt. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business:

-- None.

New Business:

--None.

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 take place on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Grisham

Secretary