

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – March 20, 2012

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

Members Present: Steve Arendt, Vice-Chair; Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas; Sally Gauch; Ernest Gibbons; John Grisham; Ellrony Williams; Barbara VonVillas (Town Council liaison).

Members Absent: Paul LaMond, Chair.

Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Sue Connor, Candise Prewitt.

--Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Steve Arendt, Vice-Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of February 21, 2012 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept as amended: Dionne-Thomas. Second: Gauch. 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: Williams. Unanimously carried.

Executive session began at 6:05 P.M., ended at 6:28 P.M.

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

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

Executive session minutes of February 21, 2012 approved. (Motion: Dionne-Thomas. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.)

Correspondence received:

--Letter from Marilyn Warren, executive director of the MLK Center, thanking the Library for its donation of 146 non-perishable food items to the Feed-a-Friend program.

Director's report: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information. Motion to accept: Gauch. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

Committee reports:

--Budget: Steve Arendt reported that the Library's Budget Workshop with the Town Council took place on March 5; the session was viewed by both sides as having been constructive. Data from the budget presentation to be posted on the Library's website.

--Contract Negotiations: Addressed in executive session. Negotiations have begun, and remain ongoing.

--Director's Evaluation: All townwide personnel evaluations due by June 30th. The committee plans to present its evaluation to the Board at the latter's June meeting.

--Friends Liaison: Theresa Coish reported that the Friends' annual meeting was held on March 18 at Newport Beach Hotel and Suites. The meeting featured an address by master gardener Barbara Gee. Committee meetings for the community garden project remain ongoing.

--Policy Review: No report.

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, April 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M., at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Grisham

Secretary