

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – May 15, 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; Barbara VonVillas (Town Council liaison).

Members Absent: None.

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

--Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of April 17 and May 1, 2012 meetings reviewed. Motion to accept: Arendt. Second: Dionne-Thomas. 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: Gauch.

Unanimously carried.

Executive session began at 6:08 P.M., ended at 7:04 P.M.

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

Motion to seal executive session minutes: Grisham. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

Executive session minutes of April 17 and May 1, 2012 approved. (Motion: Gauch. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.)

Correspondence received:

--None.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget: Steve Arendt reported that the committee and Director Theresa Coish again met with the Town Council on May 7. Labor negotiations have been completed, no change in budget numbers.

--Contract Negotiations: New contract to be signed by Board, along with side letter re continuing talks on minimum Sunday staffing issue.

--Director's Evaluation: The committee will meet prior to the June Board meeting, in order to finalize a composite evaluation, based on input from the staff and the Director's self-evaluation. The staff questionnaire remains unchanged from last year.

--Friends Liaison: Theresa Coish reported that the Friends' regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16. The organization and its members remain active in the Community Garden effort.

--Policy Review: The committee will meet in advance of the next full Board meeting, to address the Library's food and drink policy, and perhaps touch on its collection development policy as well.

Unfinished Business:

-- New labor contract for FY2013-15 formally signed by Board, along with side letter as described, supra.

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 Library has recently received a \$2000 donation from the Estate of Robert L. McLaughlin.

-The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 6:00 P.M., at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**John W. Grisham
Secretary**