

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – June 19, 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; Barbara VonVillas (Town Council liaison).

Members Absent: Ellrony Williams.

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

--Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of May 15, 2012 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: Dionne-Thomas Second: Arendt. 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: Arendt. Second: Grisham.
Unanimously carried.**

Executive session began at 6:02 P.M., ended at 7:10 P.M.

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

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

**Executive session minutes of May 15, 2012 approved. (Motion:
Arendt. Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.)**

**Motion to accept Director's composite evaluation: Grisham. Second:
LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**Motion to award Director a \$3,000 bonus, while maintaining her salary
at its present level: LaMond. Second: Arendt. Unanimously carried.**

Correspondence received:

**--Letter from MLK Center, thanking Library Director Coish for the
Library's contribution to its food program.**

--Letter from Middletown Historical Society, expressing appreciation

for the Library's gift of past Middletown Garden Club and Middletown Garden Association records.

--Letter from family of longtime Library Trustee and Friend Norman Hall, noting the occasion of Mr. Hall's 90th birthday. Letter to Mr. Hall to be sent on behalf of the Board, with two bookplates purchased in his honor.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget: No report.

--Contract Negotiations: No report.

--Director's Evaluation: The committee's evaluation was reviewed in executive session. Actions taken by Board as noted, supra.

--Friends Liaison: Theresa Coish reported that the Friends' regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20. The organization and its members remain active in the Community Garden effort, and will be sponsoring the Children's and Young Adult Reading Programs this year.

--Policy Review: The committee reported that it had earlier met to address the first four items in the Library policy manual. Discussion of proposed changes followed.

**Motion to adopt proposed new anti-harassment policy: Arendt.
Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**Motion to adopt proposed changes to circulation policy: Arendt.
Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.**

No changes proposed to the Library's volunteer policy, or to its community bulletin board policy.

Unfinished Business:

-- Director's review of controversial new materials proposed for addition to the Library's collection remains ongoing.

New Business:

**--Motion for cancellation of July 17 Board meeting: Dionne-Thomas.
Second: Gauch. 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 take place on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 6:00 P.M., at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**John W. Grisham
Secretary**