

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – November 19, 2013

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Members Present: Paul LaMond, Chair; Steve Arendt, Vice-Chair; Ellrony Williams; Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas; Sally Gauch; Susan Hester; Ernest Gibbons

Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Susan Connor; Candise Pruitt; Barbara VonVillas, Town Council liaison to the library.

Members Absent: None

Others Absent: None

--Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M.

--Minutes of regular October 15, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept: Arendt Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

--Executive Session began at 6:05 P.M.

--End executive session: 7:03 P.M.

Motion to seal minutes of the executive session: Arendt Second: LaMond Unanimously carried.

Discussed content of circulated report comments. Additional items:

Correspondence received: Thank you from MLK Center for 344 non-perishable items in October of 2013.

Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Kennedy memorabilia has been contributed to the library. There has been an increase in funding for the community garden. Theresa will purchase more e-readers and work on a policy for circulation of e-readers.

Motion to accept Director's Report: Dionne-Thomas Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.

Committee reports:

--Budget Committee: No report.

--Contract Negotiations: No report.

--Director's Evaluation: No report

--Friends Liaison: will meet Nov. 20; purchased liability insurance; expect they will come to decision on scholarships for library

employees to pursue studies in library science. There will be a book fair on Dec. 13. Friends will do Christmas gift wrapping (dressed as elves) of books on 21 and 22 Dec. at EMS and Barnes and Noble??. The Friends are in the process of writing an investment policy. Friends have taken some of their funds and purchased a CD.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: John Grisham's book was shown to the committee. Paul LaMond will read and donate his copy to the library. Theresa circulated a Deed of Gift of items from Joe Matose.

--Motion to accept deed of gift: Gauch. Second: Williams.
Unanimously carried.

Theresa will be pursuing use of Champlin Grant funds in an amount of about \$18K to purchase of a conference-sized TV screen.

Election of officers: Motion for LaMond to continue as chair: Hester.
Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

Public presentation to or discussion with the Board: None

Announcements:

--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:00 P.M., at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas

Secretary