

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – February 18, 2014

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

Members Present: Steve Arendt, Vice-Chair; Ellrony Williams; Ernest Gibbons; Sally Gauch; Susan Hester

Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director

Members Absent: Paul LaMond, Chair; Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas

Others Absent: Barbara VonVillas, Town Council liaison to the library; Candise Pruitt; Sue Connor.

--Meeting called to order at 6:07 P.M. by Steve Arendt, Vice-Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of January 28, 2014 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: Hester Second: Williams Unanimously carried.

Correspondence received: The M.L. King Jr. Food Pantry sent a note of thanks for 429 pounds of non-perishable food items donated in

January, 2014.

Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Discussed content of circulated report comments. Additional items: Self checkout usage continues to increase. Work has begun on the installation of the 70-inch flat screen. The Friends are proceeding with their staff/volunteers scholarship program. OLIS accepting applications for LORI grants, with proposals due on March 14, 2014. Newly formed Middletown Public Library Art Guild will hold exhibit "Middletown Public Library Celebration of the Arts" featuring watercolor and poetry. Opening is March 24 with reading by RI Poet Laureate Emeritus Tom Chandler. Civil War program has been rescheduled to February 24 due to weather.

Motion to accept Director's Report: Gauch Second: Williams Unanimously carried.

Committee reports:

--Budget Committee: Budget report circulated and discussed by Budget Committee chair and the Board, acting as budget committee. Review and discussion of line item changes. Motion to adopt this budget as amended: Gibbons Second: Gauch Unanimously carried. Discussion continued. Motion to amend the budget to include newly adjusted reimbursement revenue: Gibbons Second: Gauch Unanimously carried.

--Contract Negotiations: No report.

--Director's Evaluation: No report.

--Friends Liaison: The Friends Annual Meeting will be held March 7 at 6:00 P. M. at the Ramada Middletown.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business: None.

Public presentation to or discussion with the Board: None

New Business: Motion to authorize the director to pursue the OLIS grant proposal to purchase electronic tablets: Gibbons Second: Williams Unanimously carried

Announcements:

--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 24, 2014 at 6:00 P.M., at the Library.

--Motion to adjourn: Gibbons Second: Gauch Unanimously carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Susan Hester

For the secretary