

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – March 17, 2015

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

Members Present: Steve Arendt, Chair; Ernest Gibbons; Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas; Susan Hester; and Sally Gauch

Other(s) Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Sue Connor; Candise Pruitt; Barbara VonVillas, Town Council liaison to the library

Member Absent: Ellrony Williams

Other(s) Absent: None

--Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Steve Arendt, Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of February 17, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept: Hester Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.

Enter executive session; return to open session at 7:11 p.m.

Motion to ratify labor contract: Gauch. Second: Hester Unanimously

carried.

Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session: Gauch Second: Dionne-Thomas Unanimously carried.

Correspondence received: Resignation of Robert Crump from the Library Board of Trustees became effective at Town Council meeting on March 16, 2015. Thank you from Mary King of Smithfield, RI for the library's great job at celebrating Ireland. Two letters from MLK Center for donation of 639 lbs. of non-perishable food items over two months.

Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information provided in her Director's Report. Library needs policy for use of 3-D printer. Circulated was a project made using 3-D printer by a patron and the library tech staff working together. The patron, who is from Portsmouth, offered to volunteer to help others with their 3-D projects. Hopefully the 3-D printer will become self-sustaining. Extruder on the printer failed which the company said is not uncommon. Company sent 2 extruders at no cost to the library. When both of these fail, library will be on its own to purchase others as needed. All ages seem to be interested.

Projects for school vacation week in April will include the following: Monday—reptiles; Wed. Earth Day-- a Disney movie will be shown; Thursday--Jim Garman will do soil testing; Friday—chick project.

Friends book store has been named for Nancy Corkery who recently passed away and donated many hours as a member of the Friends to the store.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget Committee: No report; there was a discussion about filing minutes for subcommittee meetings. The consensus was that no meeting minutes need be filed for these meetings.

--Contract Negotiations: Nothing further other than what was mentioned above regarding ratification of the labor contract.

--Director's Evaluation: No report.

--Friends Liaison: Monthly meeting of the Friends will take place March 18, 2015.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business: Town Solicitor's decision regarding letter of agreement for use of building space for Friends Bookstore is still pending.

New Business: None.

Public presentation to or discussion with the Board: None.

Sue Connor, a Union co-president, announced that the Union will meet in the morning of March 31, 2015 to vote on ratification of the new labor contract/agreement.

Announcements:

--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

--Motion to adjourn: Dionne-Thomas Second: Gibbons.

Unanimously carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas

Secretary