

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – September 15, 2015

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

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

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

Member(s) Absent: None

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--Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Steve Arendt, Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of August 18, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept: Hester Second: Gibbons. Unanimously carried.

Enter executive session; return to open session at 6:53 p.m.

Letter from Union reporting that membership voted unanimously in proceeding with the 2 25 hour positions and accepting the benefits as defined in App. B.

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

During Executive Session, Board completed discussion of director's salary and benefits. Director's salary & benefits were addressed and adjusted.

Correspondence received: two thank you letters from MLK Center: one for 126 lbs. food of non-perishable food to the pantry; one for 118 lbs. of non-perishable food.

Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information provided in her Director's Report. Additional comment: Theresa and Sue have been interviewing candidates for circulation supervisor. Theresa will be picking up a custom made birdhouse for Paul LaMond Memorial Garden. Addition of Norman Hall and Paul LaMond to the Middletown Hall of Fame occurred on evening of the first year anniversary of Paul LaMond's passing.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget Committee: None

--Contract Negotiations: None.

--Director's Evaluation: None.

--Friends Liaison: None

--Long Range Planning: None.

--Policy Review: None.

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

New Business: Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary election of officers. Steve Arendt nominated as Chair by Dionne-Thomas; second Gauch; unanimously carried. Vice Chair: Christine Bagley nominated by Gauch; second Gibbons; unanimously carried. Secretary, Susan Hester nominated Dionne-Thomas; second Bagley; unanimously carried. By consensus: Policy review chair will continue to be Ron Williams and Christine Bagley is also on the

committee; Budget Committee: Steve Arendt will continue as Chair and Susan Hester will continue as a member of the committee.

Ernest Gibbons noted an interest in use of library by the “Great Decisions” group for its meetings which occur once a month and refreshments are served. Ernie will speak to the group head and suggest he approach the library director.

Public presentation to or discussion with the Board: None.

Announcements:

--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

--Motion to adjourn: Gibbons. Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas

Secretary