

**Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting – October 20, 2015**

**Middletown Public Library**

**700 West Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Members Present: Steve Arendt, Chair; 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; John Cioci, new Circulation Supervisor, attended at the beginning of the regular session to meet the Board**

**Member(s) Absent: Ernest Gibbons**

**Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Steve Arendt, Chair.**

**John Cioci introduced himself and explained he has been working circulation for about 13 years; he started at Cranston, then Providence, then the community library system; he also held a part-time position in Lincoln library system; and now he is in Middletown. He feels coming to Middletown offers a good environment and an opportunity for growth and advancement. He left the meeting after the “meet and greet” session.**

## **Disposition of Minutes:**

**--Minutes of September 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept: Hester. Second: Bagley. Unanimously carried.**

**Enter executive session; return to open session at 6:45 p.m.**

**Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session: Gauch Second: Bagley. Unanimously carried.**

**Correspondence received: None**

**Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information provided in her Director's Report. Additional comments: None**

**Motion to accept Director's Report: Gauch. Second: Dionne-Thomas. 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 pending. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was drafted by the Town for review and signature by an appropriate representative of the Town and the Friends. Board arrived at a consensus that the MOU seems to be in good order and asked Theresa to report back to the Board after meeting with the Friends.**

**New Business: None.**

**Public presentation to or discussion with the Board: None.**

**Announcements:**

**--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.**

**--Steve and Sally visited Tiverton Library and report that it is awesome! Steve encouraged all Board members to visit.**

**--Motion to adjourn: Dionne-Thomas. Second: Hester. Unanimously carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas**

**Secretary**