

**Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting – September 20, 2016**

**Middletown Public Library**

**700 West Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Members Present: Steve Arendt, Chair; Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas; Susan Hester; Sally Gauch; Christine Bagley**

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

**Members Absent: Ellrony Williams; Ernest Gibbons.**

**Other(s) Absent: Sue Connor; Candise Pruitt (on leave)**

**--Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Steve Arendt, Chair.**

**Disposition of Minutes:**

**Motion to accept revised minutes of August 16, 2016 meeting:**

**Gauch. Second: Hester. Unanimously carried.**

**Correspondence received: J. Leman sent thank you for making summer most pleasant; raffle winner, new resident, sent thank you**

**for winning Becky's Barbecue gift certificate.**

**Theresa circulated Town of Middletown Volunteer Handbook; members signed final page including striking language that appeared inapplicable to the board members.**

**Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information provided in her Director's Report. No additional information.**

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

**Committee reports:**

**--Budget Committee: None except grant in aid has been received.**

**--Director's Evaluation: None**

**--Friends Liaison: None except to comment that celebration for Rosemary Day's life was lovely.**

**--Policy Review: None**

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business: (1) William Jones donation: there will be a meeting with Shawn Brown to see if there are any variables; financial and resource independence is an issue; divorcing recital venue idea from collections may be explored; there are many unknowns with the donation as proposed and it may be outside of library's ability to make it happen. Bottom line: tabled for review as unfinished business and will be re-visited after meeting with Shawn Brown. (2) Small greenhouse is proposed for community garden; it would be paid for with amount accumulated over past 5 years; gardeners would share. No opposition to having greenhouse on the premises of the library as an extension to the community garden.**

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

**Announcements:**

**--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**/s/**

**Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas**

**Secretary**