

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – April 19, 2016

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

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

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

Members Absent: Ernie Gibbons

Other(s) Absent: Sue Connor

--Meeting called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Steve Arendt, Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of March 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept as amended (change date from March 16 to 15): Hester Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

Motion to go into Executive session: Gauch. Second: Williams.

Unanimously carried.

Return to regular session: 7:24 p.m.

Correspondence received: Thank you from MLK Center for 88 lbs. and 144 lbs. at different points in February and for 95 pounds received on 24 March.

Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information provided in her Director's Report. Additional information: Jazz concert May 22 from 2 to 4, "History of Jazz Jam," a quartet; Lois Vaughn is coordinator. The group will play about 15 tunes. Theresa also suggested that if there is a surplus of funds, addressing security issues would be the priority.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget Committee: FY 17 Budget was presented at Fire Station. The TC meeting held there.

--Director's Evaluation: Will get underway next month.

--Friends Liaison: Meeting April 20 and since the memo of

understanding with the Friends was a topic at the most recent Town Council meeting, it was likely this would be discussed at the Friends meeting. There were revisions made to the memo by the council according to Theresa but nothing substantive.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business: See Friends Liaison entry above.

New Business: Vote on priority of expenditures for unanticipated FY 16 end-of-year surplus. In past we have included unfunded pension liability. Suggestion made to use it for security purposes before unfunded pension liability.

Motion to place in priority spending any surplus in FY 16 end of year money for security measures then address unfunded pension liability: Gauch Second: Dionne-Thomas Unanimously carried.

Public presentation to or discussion with the Board: None.

Announcements:

--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library. The May 17 meeting was cancelled. A meeting may be called prior to June 21, 2016 if there is any matter of an emergency nature that needs to be

addressed.

--Motion to adjourn: Williams Second: Dionne-Thomas Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas

Secretary