

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – March 1, 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

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

Members Absent: Ernie Gibbons; Christine Bagley

Other(s) Absent: None

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

--Recognize passing of Theresa's Mom which caused rescheduling of February 2016 meeting

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of January 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept: Hester Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

Correspondence received: Thank you for art classes and health insurance literacy training as well as from MLK Center for 114 lbs. of non-perishable in January; 106 lbs. in February.

Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information provided in her Director's Report. Additional information: As to Forest Ave. school effort to share books...4 books (16 books for 3 weeks) rotating between each classroom for each grade occurred with one teacher and involved Grades K through 3.

Read letter written by Chris Bagley and published in NPT Daily News on Feb. 11, 2016. The letter focused on importance of reading and asked for an explanation of absence of librarians and locked libraries in Middletown schools.

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

Committee reports:

--Budget Committee: FY 17 Budget circulated to all. Plan is to present total package to Town Council in April.

--Director's Evaluation: No report.

--Friends Liaison: Annual dinner meeting scheduled for Friday March 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Portofino.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business: Friends letter of agreement for use of building space for Friends Bookstore is pending.

New Business: Vote FY 17 Library Department Request Budget:

Motion to accept recommendation of budget committee as amended...Arendt. Second: Gauch. Unanimously approved.

Public presentation to or discussion with the Board: None.

Announcements:

--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas

Secretary