

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting –January 17, 2017

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

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

Other(s) Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Sue Connor; Candise Prewitt

Members Absent: None

Other(s) Absent: Barbara VonVillas, Town Council liaison to the library

--Meeting called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Steve Arendt, Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

**Motion to accept minutes of December 20, 2016 meeting: Gibbons.
Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.**

Motion to go into Executive session: Dionne-Thomas. Second: Hester. Unanimously carried.

Return to regular session: 7:34 p.m.

Motion to seal the minutes of the executive session: Hester Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

Steve Arendt welcomed back Candise Prewitt from maternity leave.

Correspondence received: None.

Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information provided in her Director's Report.

Additional Information: None

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

Committee reports:

--Budget Committee: Steve Arendt noted that changes are still being made so no final decision on proposed FY-18 budget. Hopefully by March at latest the board will be ready.

--Director's Evaluation: None

--Friends Liaison: No news; next meeting January 18, 2017. Theresa reported there may be a memorial for Gillian Hall who passed away recently. Theresa and some members of the Friends attended Gillian's memorial service on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017.

--Policy Review: None; Theresa reported Ocean State libraries recommends raising the fee for those out-of-state residents who wish to have a full access card for one year from \$115 to \$125. Theresa asked the board to consider library's policy to accept non-resident fee.

Motion to accept raising the fee from \$115 to \$125 for a full-access card to out of state residents: Bagley. Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

Theresa added that the local library has the option to charge for local access only to non-residents of the state. At present, it is \$10 a year for local use only card and this will still hold.

Unfinished Business: Proposal from Dr. Jones: Nothing new.

New Business: None.

Public presentation to or discussion with the Board: None.

Announcements:

--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas

Secretary