

**Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting – May 16, 2017**

**Middletown Public Library**

**700 West Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

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

**Other(s) Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Candise Prewitt; Barbara Von Villas, Town Council liaison to the library**

**Members Absent: Sally Gauch; Ernest Gibbons**

**Others Absent: Sue Connor**

**--Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Steve Arendt, Chair.**

**Disposition of Minutes:**

**Motion to accept minutes of April 18, 2017 meeting: Hester. Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.**

**Correspondence received: Thank you note from Looking Upwards for vocational tour of Middletown Library; thank you note for use of room**

**for Transcendental Meditation Program; letter signed by Carol Bazarsky and dated May 8, 2017 providing \$2,000.00 to the Middletown Library from the Bazarsky Family Foundation.**

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

**The board also discussed an incident and asked Barbara Von Villas to intercede with the Town Council regarding use of e-cigarettes in the library. Theresa will send a follow-up email to Barbara.**

**Need invoice on employees' "wish list" by June 30, 2017 to have items included in FY17 expenditures.**

**Motion to accept Director's Report: Williams. Second: Bagley. Unanimously carried.**

**New Business:**

**Motion that funds from the Bazarsky Family Foundation be deposited annually to the special revenue fund. Bagley. Second: Hester. Unanimously carried.**

**Attending members of the Library Board of Trustees signed five original copies of the Agreement between the Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees and Middletown Public Library Employees**

**Association/NEARI for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.  
Theresa will hold the originals for remaining trustees to sign.**

**Committee reports:**

**--Budget Committee: Committee met with Town Council and there were only 2 information questions.**

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

**--Friends Liaison: Next meeting of the Friends will be held on May 17, 2017, the third meeting this month; May 15th Friends met to begin long term vision (3-5 year plan) for new bookstore; long term vision is part of the strategic plan; May 2nd Lois Murray and Theresa toured NPT Library Friends book store to explore expansion of operation into next building. This occurred as part of a process of documenting what Friends could accomplish with more space.**

**--Policy Review: None.**

**Unfinished Business: Proposal from Dr. Jones:**

**On Sunday, April 23, 2017, Dr. Jones conducted a musical presentation at the library at 3:00 p.m. It was well-received. Fifteen people were in attendance. A follow-up piece in the NPT Daily News lauded the presentation.**

**Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 2-3:30 p.m., Dr. Jones will conduct a “Jazz Greats” musical presentation at the library.**

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

**Announcements:**

**--The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**/s/**

**Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas**

**Secretary**