

**Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting – October 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; Ellrony Williams; and Ernie Gibbons**

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

**Members Absent: None**

**Others Absent: None**

**--Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Steve Arendt, Chair.**

**Disposition of Minutes:**

**Motion to accept minutes of Sept. 19, 2017 meeting: Gibbons.**

**Second: Gauch. Unanimously carried.**

**Motion to accept minutes of Executive Session of Sept. 19, 2017 meeting: Gauch. Second: Hester. Unanimously carried.**

**Correspondence received: MLK Center sent thanks for 337 lbs. of non-perishable food for the food pantry. Note received from Middletown Historical Society announcing that a granite bench at Paradise Park had been erected in honor of Evelyn Ledoux and Natalie Nicholson.**

**Director's progress and financial reports on the library: Theresa asked Candise to speak and comment on what she had done in connection with the summer reading program. Steve suggested Candise escort board members around the Children's Room. Candise did so and pointed out changes and purchases. She noted that participants in the summer reading program who completed the program had received a reading book bag containing some fun and educational items. Candise noted 350 signed up for summer reading program; there were both readers and pre-readers; 130 finished the program. Candise noted more signed up than finished but there is always an effort to increase numbers.**

**Theresa received a call from Dr. Jones; Nov. 5 is the next date for music at library; Dr. Jones invited board members to his house to see a new Victrola which he would like to donate. It is heavy. Great sound according to him.**

**Theresa Coish orally reviewed information provided in her Director's Report.**

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

**Committee reports:**

**--Budget Committee: Between now and December the budget committee will meet with Shawn and the town finance director regarding a new budget.**

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

**--Friends Liaison: Book Sale is ongoing; inventory has been rolling in; recycling has occurred with company selected; Lois would like to collaborate on art work and note cards by Joe Matose; friends may be able to have notecards for sale at holidays and sell prints to be framed. There are sailing scenes, scenes of the NWC, Prescott Park, Witherbee School, etc.**

**--Policy Review: None.**

**Unfinished Business: Matter involving Dr. Jones, as noted above, is ongoing.**

**New Business: None.**

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

**Announcements:**

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas**

**Secretary**