

Friends of Lancaster annual meeting, Monday. Jan. 23, 2017, Lancaster Community Library

President Charlie Costello called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. There were 9 members present and 7 proxies, for a total of 16 and a quorum.

All currently serving officers agreed to continue in office for 2017. There was a motion to accept by acclamation which was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Marilyn Hedges submitted the following report.

The balance on Dec. 31, 2015 was 1375.51

Income:

\$20 dues (Hilda Page)

Disbursements:

\$50 to State Corporation Commission for LLC registration.

\$18.17 to Joe Urban for domain renewal

\$50 to Lancaster Postmaster for post office box.

\$95 to Lancaster Library for lottery ticket/library support.

The balance on Dec. 31, 2016 was \$1182.34

The treasurers report was approved pending adjustment if needed.

Costello announced that the Board of Supervisors is undergoing an audit. He will send the BOS agenda and audit to members via email.

Major concerns for the BOS are the proposed capital improvements.

Emergency management wants a new facility. The consensus of this board after some discussion is that there is no documented need for the elaborate facility being requested. It far exceeds any facilities in other Northern Neck or Middle Peninsula counties. We may want to challenge this.

School facilities are in dire need of upgrading. The School Facilities Committee says "no" to renovations for the current elementary or high school facilities. They must be replaced. They will be asking for monies for the next step in this process. We will strongly support this.

Costello brought the group up to date on developments with the Dominion Power effort to get approval from the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC) for their project to run overhead power lines on towers across the Rappahannock River.

There will be an SCC report issued on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The evidentiary hearings in Richmond have been delayed until March 15<sup>th</sup>. Public comments may still be made on the SCC website.

Precincts 1 and 5 will have elections for School Board and Board of Supervisors seats this fall. There also will be an election to replace the retiring Commissioner of Revenue. The board agreed that we should hold a candidate forum in conjunction with the library. This has been a well-received public service. We agreed to try to get public service announcements to advertise this.

Bing Callus read a letter he is submitting to the BOS concerning an illegal dump on Merry Point Road. We will look into any county ordinances which may apply.

We agreed to be alert to any proposals for legislation which may effect the Chesapeake Bay and inform members as appropriate.

The board agreed to hold a meeting at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming election, the candidate forum and any other items as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Jo Chamberlain, secretary