

Friends of Lancaster Meeting, January 24, 2012

The January meeting was held at the Bank of Lancaster. President Charlie Costello conducted the meeting. There were 17 members present and 3 proxies.

Minutes of the January 2011 meeting were dispensed with.

Treasurer, Marilyn Hedges reported that the current balance is \$2,497.36. Our recurring expenses include the web site, the post office box, and a raffle ticket to support the library.

All currently serving officers agreed to continue in office for 2012. There was a motion to accept by acclamation which was unanimously approved.

Items discussed included:

County Administrator, Frank Pleva now has an open meeting in his office at 6:15 preceding each Board of Supervisors Meeting to discuss any adjustments to the agenda.

The Planning Commission has begun their review of the Comprehensive Plan. This is posted on the County web site and public comments are being solicited. Proposed changes for Chapter 1 are already available for comment. Planning and Land Use Director, Don Gill, is soliciting comments in advance of the review of each section.

Assistant County Administrator, Jack Larson, is looking for feedback prior to budget discussions.

One of the concerns facing the county is the shortage of volunteers in Upper Lancaster and its effect on emergency response delay. This will relate directly to budget concerns.

The town of White Stone has begun working on revising its Comprehensive Plan. We need to be involved, because of the possibility of their future boundary adjustments having the effect of negating the Waterfront Overlay.

Another concern expressed was the potential conflict of interest for school employees who also serve on the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.

It was also noted that the Windmill Point will be auctioned off and this is of concern because of previous proffers for public access.

It was decided that Charlie will work on arranging a meeting in March, possibly a public forum, with Jack Larson to discuss budget considerations .

Respectfully submitted  
January 26, 2012  
Jo Chamberlain, Secretary