

Friends of Lancaster annual meeting, Tues. Jan. 27, 2015, Bank of Lancaster, Northside.

President Charlie Costello called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 12 members present and 3 proxies, for a total of 15 and a quorum.

All currently serving officers agreed to continue in office for 2015. There was a motion to accept by acclamation which was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the January 2014 meeting were approved without reading.

Treasurer Marilyn Hedges reported that the balance on Dec. 31 was \$1,902.21 after the following expenses:

\$50 to Treasurer of Virginia for LLC registration.

\$48 to Lancaster Postmaster for post office box.

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

Total: \$193.

Nick Ferriter said he attended a county planning commission meeting where the proposed public boat ramp at Windmill Point was discussed and Don Gill, county planning and land use director, reported no problems. Gill said the county had a lease on the site for \$2,400 a year with option to buy the 1-acre site. The county is negotiating for dredging of a recurring sandbar at the entrance.

Bill Warren discussed Mercer Place, affordable apartments for teachers and others. He said all units are usually rented.

Warren also discussed Kids First, a project to fund pre-school education for the county. He said the project expects a \$50,000 grant from the DuPont Foundation Feb. 9 and \$225,000 has been raised.

Costello, who said he served on the teacher pay committee, discussed this year's proposed school budget.

He also discussed the Tides Inn and its proposed commercial development, including condos and time shares.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Jo Chamberlain, secretary