

Lewes Public Library Board of Commissioners

July 12, 2011

At the Lewes Public Library

Attending the meeting were Board members Beckie Healey, Ned Butera, Michelle Kemp, Eric Hale, Gerald Cowan; LPL Director Ed Goyda; Friends president Wil Laird, Five Points liaison Don Flood, Five Points HOA president John Gilbert, City Council liaison Barbara Vaughan, Cape Gazette publisher Dennis Forney, and City Manager Paul Eckrich.

Beckie Healey called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Minutes from the May 4, June 10 and June 14, 2011 meetings were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

The financial report through May 31 was presented and reviewed.

Director's Reports

Ed presented the Director's report. Collection and programs were discussed in light of the upcoming COL meeting in September. Discussion centered on the decrease in attendance at programs in both June 2011 as well as FY 2011. Ed is going to break down the numbers for more specificity to determine exactly where attendance decreased.

Wil discussed the photo contest. The Friends were disappointed that only 50 people attended the reception. Last year, attendance at the reception was much higher which the Friends feel was due to the reception coinciding with the Lewes Garden Tour. This year, the two events were on different dates. In addition, Wil felt that the library's website could be improved to encourage attendance at programs.

Ed discussed the state strategic planning. In addition, a full financial review will be done by an outside accounting firm in the near future.

Old Business/Updates

The shortfall fund was discussed. Beckie and Gerald opened the shortfall fund at Citizens Bank on July 8, 2011.

The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) presented their results to the board on 7/9/2011. They ranked the sites in the following order: Five Points (77.3 points), Current site/Thompson (73.51), Groome (70.16), Kennedy (62.63), Lingo/Townsend (58.34) and Warrington (57.52). Beckie suggested that a reception be held to thank the SEC members. This will be scheduled in the near future.

Beckie discussed the bond bill. The Lewes Public Library was not included in this year's bond bill.

New Business

Ed discussed the computer and wireless policies. The state is providing new guidelines for these policies and the LPL's policies will be updated to reflect the changes.

Preparation for the September COL meeting was discussed. Beckie proposed a power point presentation to update the COL on the progress of site selection. The board agreed to create a power point presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kemp
Secretary