



Lewes Public Library Board of Commissioners

October 11, 2011

Delaware Room

Attending the meeting were Board members Beckie Healey, Ned Butura, Eric Hale and Gerald Cowan ; LPL Director Ed Goyda ; City Council liaison Barbara Vaughn and Five Points liaison Don Flood; Paul Eckrich, City Manager.

Meeting was called to order by Beckie Healey at 8:30 am. The minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting were approved as revised.

The financial reports for September were presented and reviewed by Gerald Cowan. It was noted we are managing the budget and are slightly ahead on income and less on expenses year-to- date.

Ed Goyda went over the Director's Report. He noted circulation continues to be up. Programs are down somewhat. Parks and Rec did a good job of cleaning the grounds after the storm and trimming trees and planting. A staff development day will be held in Georgetown in October. The audit is completed. County and State funding is up slightly, reflecting 2010 Census population growth.

Beckie Healey advised the Five Points land appraisal is expected by the end of October. Don Flood stated this was also his understanding.

Under new business it was agreed the FAQs will be updated to reflect activity on the LPL expansion. Beckie Healey advised she received 76 emails and 18 phone calls regarding the LPL expansion. These came from citizens of the City of Lewes urging the library remain within the City. Barbara Vaughn stated she has been encouraging citizens to make their positions known. She also brought up the fact the library only pays \$1 a year rent while the actual value based on other buildings would be in the range of \$150,000 annually. Beckie read two letters she received for the record: from Carol Woodyard and Dr. Eric Kafka. They expressed their concerns and personal reasons for keeping the library in Lewes. There will be responses to these and other letters.

The annual appeal letter was reviewed. A motion was made by Ned Butera and seconded by Eric Hale to approve as drafted. The motion was approved. The letter will be sent on November 2, 2011

The Board discussed recognition plaques specifically for three bequests. Ed Goyda will follow up with Mike Rawl how best to go about recognizing donations in general.

Ned Butura discussed the meeting with John Phillos about selecting a site and the need to have this completed in the March 2012 timeframe in order to keep the LPL ranking in the funding requests in the State Bond Bill. Also we were encouraged to proceed with selection of an architect.

Ownership of the current building as it relates to State funding is being reviewed by our attorney with the Attorney General's office.

Beckie Healey advised *Delaware Beach Life* magazine is interested in doing a story about the LPL in Spring 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am

Respectfully Submitted

Gerald Cowan
Acting Secretary