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Federation Membership Meeting



Thursday, June 17, 2010

7:00 p.m.

(please note the earlier start time)

Annandale Community Park

*(the park adjacent to the Packard Center;
see page four for directions)*

4022 Hummer Road, Annandale

Topic: *Annual Federation Picnic and
"The State of Fairfax County"*

Guest Speaker: *The Honorable John Foust,
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Dranesville District*



Membership Reminder

Please note the Federation does not hold membership meetings in July and August.

The next membership meeting will be

**Thursday, September 16, 2010;
7:30 p.m.**

Due to upcoming renovations at the
Packard Center,

please note that Federation membership meetings for (at least) the first months of the 2010 - 2011 year will be held at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Directions and other pertinent information regarding this change in meeting place will be available in the September, 2010 *Bulletin*.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing summer!



2010 Federation Board Meetings

Packard Center Main Conference Room 7:30 p.m.

June 24, 2010 July 22, 2010



President's Message

It has been my pleasure to serve the Federation membership and the people of Fairfax County for these past years. As such, this is my last column as president of the Federation after serving three terms. I have been lucky over the years to have had active and dedicated community members serve with me on the Federation Board as committee chairs, district representatives and liaisons and representatives to county and regional committees. Many of these same volunteers will continue to serve the Federation and County as active participants over the next year, including our new slate of officers: President - Tania Hossain, First Vice President - Kahan Dhillon, Treasurer - Scott Schlegel, Recording Secretary - Ed Wyse, and Corresponding Secretary - Esther Ferington.

Be sure to join us at their installation at our annual picnic at Annandale Community Park starting at 7:00 p.m. on 17 June 2010. Also featured at the picnic will be Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust who will be giving the State of the County report. In years' past, the Board of Supervisors Chairman would be making the report, but this year, Chairman Bulova was called away as a member of a trade delegation to China. I can see why she made that choice.

I note that not only is this my last column, but we will also be losing a long term volunteer as this will be the last Bulletin that our current Editor, Carol Hawn, will prepare. She is stepping down after many years. Fred Costello, our Land Use Committee Chair, has agreed to take over the responsibility. Let's give both of them a round of applause - for Carol, for many years of a job well done, and to Fred, to keep him up on doing the same.

As past president of the Federation, I assume many of the tasks that our last past president, John Jennison, was responsible for over the past three years; I'm sure an occasion for him to breathe a sigh of relief. John's comments and suggestions over my term were instrumental in my success during that period, and I can only hope to do as well in supporting Tania during her term.

If you've liked my columns and comments over these years, you're welcome to follow my musings on twitter as @jeffparnes. In any case, if I don't see you at the picnic, have a great summer and thank you.

Enjoy,

Jeffrey Parnes, President
FedPres2009@FairfaxFederation.org

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Membership Meeting of May 20, 2010

The Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale

DRAFT MINUTES

(for approval at the June 17, 2010 membership meeting)

The May 2010 Meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Jeff Parnes at 7:48 p.m. in the general meeting room of the Packard Center. The attendance list is attached to file copy.

Program: Report from Richmond

The report from Richmond was presented by House of Delegate Members Jim LeMunyon (D-67th District) and Kaye Kory (D-38th District) and State Senator George Barker (D-39th District). The general agreement was that the General Assembly (GA) session addressed a difficult budget year for the commonwealth. In addition, the session continued a conflict between Fairfax County and the rest of the State regarding allocation of resources.

Delegate LeMunyon highlighted the initiative of the 19 freshmen House members to post voting records on their GA website. The initiative passed the House by 86-13 and died in a Senate committee by 14-2. Delegates LeMunyon and Kory have chosen to post their voting records on their official websites.

Delegate Kory highlighted the good work of the entire Northern Virginia delegation in convincing the Governor to unfreeze the Local Composite Index (LCI). This will provide more money to the public schools of Fairfax County than would an earlier planned delay in implementing the LCI updated index. Delegate Kory noted that most of this year's legislation focused on social issues; she would have liked a more robust debate on budgetary matters.

Senator Barker highlighted three constitutional amendments on the ballot this November, along with election of members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The three amendments are: property tax abatement; complete flexibility to provide tax relief as deemed by local jurisdictions; and increasing the rainy day fund to cap at 15%. In addition, Senator Barker mentioned that all the bills he submitted for this session were killed by various House committees.

Administrative Topics

Bulletin/Newsletter - Newsletter articles are due to the editor by May 28.

Minutes - The membership approved the minutes of the April 10, 2010, membership meeting. Tania Hossain is serving as Recording Secretary Pro Temp for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Scott Schlegel submitted the treasurer's report by e-mail. Net income (loss) for the year to date is (\$3,264.21). This will be largely offset by \$3,000

due from SAIC for its COY sponsorship. SAIC's check and several other smaller checks for the banquet are yet to be received. A motion to receive and file the report was made, seconded, and adopted/approved unanimously.

Old Business

Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet - Chair, John Jennison

The 2009 COY event was successful in terms of recognizing many dedicated leaders who volunteer in the community. The governor spoke well of Fairfax County and recognized the talent of its citizen volunteers. The elected officials at the event were appreciative of the one-on-one face time they had with the governor. We have to give more time to the planning of COY and advanced execution. And more importantly, we have to continue to make this a signature event for the Federation.

2009 COY Banquet financial results: Total Income \$7,216.00; Total Expenses: \$8,090.37; Net Income (Loss): (\$874.37).

John is collecting feedback on this year's event; comments can be sent to him directly.

Tyson's Corner

The Bulletin published a draft, proposed letter on Planning Commission consideration of Tyson's Corner Plan. The membership voted to send the final letter.

New Business

Virginia Avenue Tunnel

A resolution supporting improvements to the Virginia Avenue (railroad) Tunnel that was authored by Gail Parker was published in *The Bulletin*. The membership voted to

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Please contact Carol Hawn at 703-266-6872 or cahawn@verizon.net with newsletter name and address changes, comments, or suggestions.

Federation Meeting Cancellation Policy

If either Fairfax County Government or Schools are closed after 12:00 noon the day of a Federation membership meeting, or if it is announced that Fairfax County Government or Schools will be closed the day after a scheduled Federation membership meeting due to inclement weather or other emergency, the Federation will not hold that event. This does not pertain to regularly scheduled closures. Membership meetings will not be rescheduled, although speakers may be asked to attend an upcoming meeting. We will make every attempt to post the cancellation on www.fairfaxfederation.org or you can call 703-266-6872 for more information.

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support the Virginia Avenue Tunnel proposal.

Federation Picnic on June 17

The point of contact for the Federation's picnic is Kahan Dhillon. Members should tell Kahan which items they will bring; for example, main courses, desserts, beverages, plastic ware, salads, and starches,

Elections: Nominations from floor and Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee put forth the names of Tania Hossain for President, Kahan Dillhon for First Vice President, Scott Schlegel for Treasurer, Ed Wyse for Recording Secretary, and Esther Ferington for Corresponding Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor and the membership elected the above slate of officers for FY 2010-2011. The Nominations Committee will reconvene to nominate a Second Vice President. Recommendations for this nomination should be sent to John Jennison.

Board & Committee Reports

Association Services - Don Hinman

Don Hinman circulated handout about the Association Services

Education - Charlie Dane

The Education Committee provided testimony of the Fairfax County Public Schools draft approved fiscal year (FY) 2011 budget on May 11th. In addition, two members presented testimony - one for Mount Vernon Education Committee and one as an individual. The Fairfax County Public Schools will be facing a shortfall of about \$140M in FY 2012 and another \$120M in FY 2012, but the School Board will likely set aside only about \$45M for FY 2012.

The usual practice, after possible amendments to the draft approved budget are discussed at a board meeting (last Thursday), is for the Budget Chair to try to craft a more encompassing resolution that will garner support from a majority of the members. This has to be done through one-on-one discussions. It appears that the chair was not successful in satisfying a majority of the members as there are 19 amendments to the main motion to be discussed and voted on tonight.

Membership - Tania Hossain

The Federation currently has forty members. Don, Fred and Tania are conducting membership outreach

Public Safety – G. Gail Parker

As reported under *New Business*, the membership approved a resolution supporting improvements to the Virginia Avenue Tunnel.

District Council Reports

Braddock - Art Wells

Braddock District Council (BDC) held a special meeting on

May 19 to begin development of a plan to change how VDOT is funded for mowing grass along Braddock District roads.

The BDC meeting on June 8th will feature (a) the announcement of the winners of several categories of "Best of Braddock Awards" including Citizen of the Year and (b) voting for a new slate of officers for 2010–2011.

Seventy-five people attended the Leadership Institute January and 36 participated in two Neighborhood Colleges held in March and April; these sessions were scheduled by Supervisor Cook's office.

Lee - Don Hinman

Don invited the membership to a Lee District Event on *What's Happening in Springfield and on Route 1 Commercial Redevelopment in Lee District*. The event panelists will include Debi Sandlin of Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation and Meghan Van Dam of Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning, who has worked on the comprehensive plan and Springfield Mall issues. The community is invited to this event.

Mason - Roger Hoskin

The next Mason District Council meeting will be June 17.

Mount Vernon - Karen Pohorylo

Providence - Charles Hall

The Providence District Council (PDC) hosted Senator Chap Petersen and Delegate Mark Keam at their Report from Richmond event at their last meeting. PDC's annual picnic will be held on June 15 at Eakins Park.

Sully - Jeff Parnes

The Sully District Council May meeting will be the report from Richmond; at the June meeting Supervisor Frey will present the State of Sully. There will be no meetings in July and August.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Next Meetings

The next board meeting is scheduled May 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

The next membership meeting is the picnic scheduled June 17, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes written by Tania Hossain, Recording Secretary Pro Temp, and published by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary

New Library Hours Begin July 1st

Because of countywide budget reductions, the Fairfax County public libraries will offer new hours of operation beginning July 1st. Regional and community library branches will alternate morning and evening hours four days a week. For the new schedule, or for more information, please visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

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Directions to the

Annandale Community Park (adjacent to the Packard Center)

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Little River Turnpike
(Route 236 - Exit 52B);
go east toward Annandale.

Turn left at the first stop light onto Hummer Road.

Go 200 yards to the entrance of Annandale Community Park on the left.

Keep to the left after the maintenance facility; park in the large parking lot.

The pavilion is on the right side of the parking lot.

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