

Fairfax County Association of Citizens Associations
Summary of Board Meeting on March 14, 2002 (Draft)
Packard Center
7:30-10:55 p.m.

Masochists in Attendance: Board Members Art Wells, Wade Smith, Ray Steele, Bill Hanks, Peter Brinitzer, Charles Dane, Sally Grimsby, Jean Packard, Mary Anne Lecos, and Mary Tycz (member of the Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association, the Federation Education Committee, and the Federation's new representative to the Superintendent's Advisory Committee).

Citizen of the Year Banquet

Jean Packard and Sally Grimsby requested help in stuffing and addressing invitations on Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mailing labels/address lists will be needed for the Federation, Chamber, Arts Council, Park Authority, and Planning Commission, and Democratic Committee.

Kate Hanley will introduce the Lt. Governor. BOS members will introduce the awardees. Art Welles requested that a summary of this year's Federation activities be available in the program or separately.

Dinners are complimentary for presenters and awardees. Jean Packard will pick up checks at the Packard Center and deliver them to Charlie Dane for paying bills.

Federation Position on the County's Advertised Budget for FY2003

Materials distributed included the draft resolution prepared by an ad hoc committee and circulated by Sally Grimsby; recommendations from the Education Committee circulated by Charles Dane, and input from various other sources.

Charles Dane began by recommending decisions on several basic points: 1) retention of the current real estate tax rate in FY2003 because of the unavailability of other revenue sources to meet critical needs; 2) concern about increasing over-reliance on the real estate tax; 3) splitting the deficit by cutting both the County and School Board budgets; and 4) reducing proposed salary increases in both budgets in order to avoid increasing the pupil-teacher ration.

Sally Grimsby proposed that these issues be considered while the Board did a line-by-line review of the draft prepared by her, Jean Packard, and Merrily in accordance with the format used last year. Many revisions to that draft were accepted after spirited discussion of content and format. Sally agreed to circulate a new draft for quick comment by those present before distribution to the membership on the web and in the newsletter.

The positions developed by the Education Committee will be refined for presentation at the School Board's April 2 workshops on the School Budget and the membership meeting on April 4. In the meantime, Charlie will seek additional information that could

affect the Federation's positions on the County budget, the transfer to Schools, and the School Board budget.

Newsletter

Contents will included: a message from the President re the changed meeting date; a summary of Federation activities for the year; the proposed resolution on the County FY03Budget; an update of Board contact information; COY banquet information; the date and program for the May meeting.

Peter Brinitzer requested copy by Tuesday evening to enable mailing by the weekend.

Email Addresses on the Web Site

Charles Dane announced that Merrily Pierce needs policy guidance on this issue, which is affected by privacy laws. The consensus was to limit exposure until policy is developed.