The meeting of the FCFCA board was held at the Packard Center at 7:30 p.m. (Attendance list is attached.)

Business Meeting

a. President Carol Hawn noted that a newsletter would be sent out before the March 31 meeting, to include the proposed resolution for the county budget as reviewed by the Board, as well as the draft minutes for the February membership meeting.

b. Esther Ferington distributed the corrected minutes for the previous Board meeting.

c. Sally Ormsby led a discussion and review of the draft resolution on the county budget that she had previously shared with Board members via e-mail. This discussion was the primary focus of the meeting.

A passage on unfunded federal and state mandates was proposed by Art Wells and added to the resolution. Charles Dane presented the Education Committee section of the draft. The Board also discussed suggestions included in an e-mail from John Jennison.

The Board also considered a proposal submitted by Bill Hanks on the Affordable Housing Preservation Committee’s twelve recommendations, as accepted by the Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2005 (see attached). The Board voted to support recommendations 2 through 12 and to endorse a “significant annual amount” of funding for affordable/workforce housing initiatives.

d. President Carol Hawn and others thanked Sally Ormsby for her work on the resolution.

e. Sally Ormsby also reported on a proposed Parks plan update; the plan has not been updated since 1990. Stakeholders helped in the updating process. Those involved would like the Federation to support the updated plan. There will be a Board of Supervisors hearing on the plan on May 9. Flint Webb will develop a Federation position on the plan for the April meeting.

f. Charles Dane reported that the Education Committee had met on March 17. There will be a public hearing on the 2005 bond referendum on April 28. Over the summer, the committee will be discussing teacher’s salaries.

g. Sally Ormsby reported that projected attendance for the Citizen of the Year banquet looked very good, even requiring some tables in the hall adjoining the banquet space.

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, April 28, 2005

Next Membership Meeting:
Thursday, March 31, 2005

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.