

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Board Meeting of July 28, 2005
MINUTES

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

Business Meeting

a. The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the June 23 membership meeting, which will be submitted for approval at the September membership meeting, and reviewed and approved the minutes for the June 30 Board meeting.

b. Carol Hawn reported that Dianne Harrah of Wolf Run Studios has agreed to design the brochure for \$600, which is 7 1/2 billable hours. She suggests working with a Manassas printer as a time-saving measure. Carol will work with Dianne to get an estimate for a print run of 5,000 brochures. The proof will be available in PDF; any corrections should be minimal and related to actual errors (typos, etc.) not editorial changes.

c. Pat Rea is working on the new membership letter. Carol has given Pat the database of addresses to which the letter can be mailed.

d. President John Jennison will issue an invitation to the attorney general and lieutenant governor candidates to determine their availability for the fall debate. The district councils will be invited to co-sponsor the debate, and the League of Women Voters has agreed to do so. John Jennison noted that he is trying to arrange a meeting with Shery Zachry from the League to iron out some details. If the candidates for one office can do one date, but those for the other require a different date, there could be two debates.

e. Pat Rea reported that the date for the forum on growth, traffic, and related issues in the Fort Belvoir/Mount Vernon area has been set for November 17. He has reserved a room at the South County Government Center, but it may be necessary to find a larger hall.

f. Carol Hawn reported that the Washington Post check for the Citizen of the Year banquet was not issued due to an administrative error. The check is now being issued.

g. Sally Ormsby encouraged the Federation to send a letter to the Post now regarding next year's award program. She is reserving the hotel banquet room for the two possible dates of March 12 and March 19 (both are Sundays). President John Jennison will double-check these dates against the school calendar.

h. Sally Ormsby addressed the suggestion, raised at the last Board meeting, of honoring a reservist family at next year's Citizen of the Year program. She is concerned this is too far afield from the purpose of the program, which is to recognize volunteer service performed within the county on behalf of county residents. Others on the Board agreed, although Charles Dane reminded the Board that his suggested criteria, distributed by e-mail, did include volunteer service. The Board decided against adding this citation.

i. Jeff Parnes presented the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2004. He noted that the expenses for newsletters and postcards, although accrued last year, were received after July 1 and will be treated as FY 05 expenses. He also noted an unusual one-time cost for

the web site because a nonrefundable 5-year renewal was paid to the previous host and a payment was made to the new host.

Jeff asked officers who incur expenses to fax copies of their receipts to him ASAP as costs arise, at either 309-409-4627 or 240-337-4072 (or, alternatively, to scan them as jpegs and e-mail them). Officers should also send an e-mail explaining what the receipt is for. Also, if an officer makes a particularly large number of photocopies, please e-mail Jeff afterwards to let him know. (This is to confirm others aren't using our number.)

j. Sally Ormsby asked about the annual audit of the Federation books. President John Jennison will check on potential auditors. This will be a three-year review since it was not done for the last two years. The audit is supposed to occur just after the June 30 end of the fiscal year, but there were still outstanding printing expenses at that point.

k. Jeff Parnes asked Board members to provide him with any anticipated changes in expenses by August 7 so that he can prepare a budget for FY 2005. This draft budget will be ready for review at the August Board meeting, and will be presented to the membership at the September meeting.

l. Sally Ormsby will order 100 mugs in royal blue with white lettering, to read "Federation" and "fairfaxfederation.org". President John Jennison asked for the word Federation to appear in the same way that it will in the new logo for the newsletter banner. Sally will coordinate with Carol on getting this new logo.

m. Carol Hawn noted that the final deadline for any newsletter material, including the President's Message, is August 26, the day after the next Board meeting. Carol will send a PDF of the newsletter to Jeff to post on the web site.

n. Sally Ormsby presented a resolution (previously distributed by e-mail) calling for the use of value analysis and value management by the county. Board members were concerned the resolution did not define these terms. The discussion established that value analysis and value management are the terms used instead of value engineering when a similar cost-containment analysis is done for regular programs of government, as opposed to capital projects. Board members also asked for examples of the successful use of value analysis and value management by local governments. Sally Ormsby asked those with other suggestions or questions to e-mail her. Action was deferred on the resolution.

o. Due to the lateness of the hour, the Board agreed to defer discussion of a pending resolution on representation by district councils, but Bill Hanks was allowed to speak on this point because he will not be at the August meeting. He is against the resolution, which he regards as mixing apples and oranges. Since 1993, the Federation has had a legislative branch—the associations, which have 1, 2, or 3 votes—and an executive branch—the Board and committee chairs. The chairs propose; the association representatives dispose. This resolution would violate that arrangement, he said.

p. Jeff Parnes noted that the group e-mail addresses at sullydistrict.org have been replaced by fairfaxfederation.org addresses. He asks all Board members to let him know when they see something to be refined or improved on the web site. It was agreed that the roster of officers and chairs in the newsletter would have the new "alias" e-mail addresses, rather than individual addresses. Alias e-mail addresses will be maintained for the empty committee chairs, which will be routed to President John Jennison.

q. Gail Parker reported that VDOT, with the agreement of the Board of Supervisors, has put in place a new plan for the Telegraph Road/Beltway interchange that will include a flyover bridge emptying onto Huntington Avenue. This ignores residents' wishes as expressed through the multiyear planning process for the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge, and will greatly affect the Huntington community. Supervisor Gerry Hyland has taken a position against the new plan, as has the Mount Vernon Council. She will send the Mount Vernon Council's resolution to President John Jennison, who will forward it to the Board.

Next Membership Meeting:

Thursday, September 15, 2005 (no membership meeting in August)

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, August 25, 2005

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.