

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations  
Board Meeting of August 25, 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 and approved the minutes for the July 28 Board meeting.
- b. The Board discussed the list of officers and committee chairs for the newsletter and website, as well as some remaining vacancies for committee chairs. Merrily Pierce has agreed to serve as the Public Safety committee chair. Carol Hawn will be the Human Services committee chair. Remaining vacancies include chairs for the Transportation, Association Services, Land Use, and County Budget and Finance committees.

On the website, Patrick Rea will also be listed as Membership committee chair, and at his request, all of his contact information, including phone number, will be provided online. For the others, online information will be limited to name, title, and e-mail alias (not a personal address, but a Federation address forwarded automatically to that person).

- c. Carol Hawn reported on the planned contents of the September newsletter.
- d. President John Jennison reviewed the planned programs for membership meetings this year, and the group agreed on ideas for the remaining open dates. Some speakers are still to be confirmed, but the current plan is as follows:

- September 15 – emergency preparedness presentation, to include Lieutenant Frank Cresswell, a short video, and demonstration of Red Cross kit for emergency preparedness
- October 20 – no speaker; meeting devoted to Federation’s legislative agenda
- November 17 – meeting in Mount Vernon District (**NOT** at Packard Center) on traffic, schools, and related issues in light of the BRAC recommendations to substantially increase staff at Fort Belvoir.
- December 15 – Dana Kauffman, chair of Metro board
- January 19 – Jack Dale, Superintendent of Schools, on school budget
- February 16 – Penny Gross, to speak on Chesapeake Bay clean-up efforts
- March 23 – Tony Griffin, county executive, on county budget
- April 23 – report from Richmond (state legislators)
- May 18 – Gerald Connolly, chairman of Board of Supervisors
- June 15 – meeting is optional; TBD

- e. President John Jennison reviewed the status of the Federation-sponsored debate for lieutenant governor and/or attorney general candidates. The Democratic candidates for both offices were available but the Republican candidates had not yet accepted. The debate would be September 27, if candidates for either office accepted.

- f. Carey Campbell proposed that the Federation co-sponsor another debate, this one for the candidates for governor, at 2:30 p.m. on September 13 at the McLean Hilton. A

debate between Jerry Kilgore and Tim Kaine, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the same location on that date at 1:00 p.m. Organizers of the 2:30 debate have invited Kilgore, Kaine, and Russell Potts; Kaine and Potts have accepted. WTOP and Newschannel 8 are providing moderators for the 2:30 debate. The Board voted 5 to 2, with abstentions, against co-sponsoring the debate.

g. Sally Ormsby presented a new version of the value analysis and value management resolution, as revised by Patrick Rea. By a vote of 9 to 2, the Board approved the resolution for review by the membership at the September meeting. Patrick will e-mail the revised text to Sally, who will pass it to Carol Hawn for inclusion in the newsletter.

h. It was agreed to defer discussion of the stream reclassification resolution to the next Board meeting.

i. Charles Dane noted that several resolutions related to local issues within the county, such as one on the Wedderburn rezoning and another on the Telegraph Road Beltway interchange, had recently circulated to the Board. He sought clarification of Board policy that the Federation does not deal with local issues, but rather with countywide ones. Board members concurred.

j. Carol Hawn reported a delay in communications with the brochure designer. The cost for the design will be \$600. The printing cost estimate has not been received. For purposes of budgeting, Esther Ferington suggested a figure of \$500 as a working estimate.

k. Jeff Parnes presented a detailed budget for the upcoming year, based on costs and income over the last two years as well as anticipated adjustments. The Board reviewed the budget, which will be presented to the membership at the September meeting for approval. Jeff will also supply Carol Hawn with a summary version of the budget for inclusion in the September newsletter.

l. Patrick Rea reported that a professional advertising copywriter had reworked his letter appealing to associations to join or renew their membership in the Federation. He shared the text, which was much livelier and in more of an advertising style than past membership appeals. The text seemed to be well-liked by all on first reading, with some minor concerns. Suggestions for changes should go directly to Patrick by e-mail.

m. Carol Hawn reported that the Federation will be asked to move its files at the Packard Center, but that these are covered up by files and equipment from another organization. She will let Board members know when help is needed to shift the Federation materials.

Next Membership Meeting:

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.