

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
7:30 pm, Thursday, 29 November 2007

Call to Order/Welcome - Jeff Parnes

Calendar Review (Proposed):

Month	Membership	Board
December	13 - Overcrowding in Neighborhoods (Art) (2 nd Thursday)	20 (3rd Thursday, at Marco Polo in Vienna as last year?)
January	17 - School Budget Presentation (Charlie)	24
February	21 - Report on NV Transportation Authority (FDOT, VDOT, NVTA)	Combined with March Board Meeting
March	27 - County Budget Presentation (Sally)	6 (1st Thursday)
April	17 - Report from Congress (all 3 members of Congress from Fairfax will be invited)	24
May	15 - Report from Richmond from several of our local legislators	22
June	19 - Picnic - State of Fairfax by BOS Chair	26

Rotating recording secretary for board minutes - Nov - Charlie, Dec - Merrily, Jan - Tania, Mar - Bill, Apr - Roger, May - Art, Jun - Greg - if you can't make your meeting switch with another designee!

Approval of 25 October 2007 Board Meeting Minutes - Flint Webb -secretary pro tem for October

- Draft Meeting Minutes from our last meeting.
<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/minutes-agenda/200710MinutesBoardDraft.pdf>

Treasurer's Report - Scott Schlegel

- Treasurer's Report:

Organizational Topics -

Jeff

- Board Vacancies - Recording & Corresponding Secretaries & Land Use Chair
 - James M. Colby has volunteered to serve as Land Use Committee Chair
- Changes in meeting speakers - we've received an offer from the Fairfax County office of Economic Development to speak before the Federation
 - Esther's thoughts on upcoming meetings:
 - We've had the EDA periodically, but perhaps it is time to have him again.
 - This reminds me, however, that our Federation representation to CAAB has offered to do a 15-minute presentation on same and I have not gotten back to him. Could we add the CAAB question (that is, whether to schedule such a presentation or not) to our agenda? I didn't think of it before.
 - I am now wondering whether our Congressional program is needed, btw, if Tom Davis will speak at the COY.
 - Also wondering whether some day we should hear about the issues we never hear about, eg parks and/or libraries. Maybe they work so smoothly there's nothing to hear! Mark Sickles is the unique politician who came up through the library board and cares deeply about library issues--maybe helpful to include him in Report from Richmond and ask about that as well?
 - John's thoughts - Gerry Gordon has spoken in front of membership in the past. It might be time, especially with an economic downturn

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- Charlie's thoughts - I heard Gordon speak at the Federation meeting. I didn't think he was a very good speaker. And, I have difficulty weighing the benefit of that office and its cost.

Old Business

John -

- COY
 - Date: March 9, 2008, Sunday evening.
 - Place: Best Western 6654 Arlington Blvd Falls Church 22042 (at Annandale Road)
 - Speakers: Co-speakers have accepted pending last minute scheduling: Congressman Tom Davis & Chairman Gerry Connolly (Tom & Gerry show). I did this at Mantua CA & it was very well received. Both speakers are looking forward to it.
 - Costs: Meal costs \$26-35 depending on menu. (No other add-on costs by facility, so additional considerations are printing & mailing invitations, comp dinners, plaques & publicity.)
 - Tickets: \$55 (drop from \$65 in 2007) Attendance: 175-200 (brings us a profit with Washington Post donation, of about \$4k).

I want to sign the contract this week and will need a check for \$1k to seal the deal. Note my numbers are approximates.

Each of you is invited to drop by & check the place out. I'll send around menu options later.

Can we afford advertisements in the local papers (Connection, Gazette, and Fairfax Times)? If so, do we want to do that?

I'll work on a press release to announce the requests for nominations and prepare a letter to all electeds for nominations. I want to knock these out this week

Jeff -

- Review of Montgomery County Civic Federation Dues and Membership Schedule -
 - Action - Should we consider making changes to our membership/dues structure?
<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/pdf/MontgomeryCountyCivicFederationDuesandMembershipSchedule.pdf>
- Spoke on legislative program before the Board of Supervisors on 19 November - last of all of 3 or 4 speakers
- First meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Referendum on Reston becoming a Town will be 6 Dec

New Business and Miscellaneous Business

Board & Committee Reports

- Bulletin/Newsletter - Carol Hawn
- Education & Youth - Charlie Dane-School Board Activities
 - As I mentioned at the general meeting, your Education Committee had the opportunity to meet with the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and discuss a range of budget reductions to address the significant FY09 Budget shortfall. I also mentioned that the committee would be sending a letter to the Superintendent indicating that we could support no more than an increase of \$45M from the BOS.
 - The situation may be direr as I have the impression that the Local Composite Index will distribute fewer funds than anticipated.
 - I've attached the budget overview presented at a recent FCPS workshop and the letter sent to Dr. Dale. The Federation will hear more from FCPS at our January general meeting.
<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Education/FCPSEarlyBudget2009-20071123.pdf>
<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Education/Ltr071118CommentsonFY09BudgetProjection.pdf>
- Environment - Flint Webb
- Human Services - Tania Hossain
- Land Use - Vacant
- Legislation - Sally Ormsby
- Membership - Charlie Dane

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- After our BDC meeting on 20 November, Esther and I thought our presentation went well
 - Esther may have some further reflections, and here are mine. Art commented that he also thought the meeting went well and noted the number of questions. That's something I had noted and always use to judge a presentation. Not only were there several questions, but questions showing a real interest. Sharon Bulova even had a question.
 - Although I thought we had answered hers in response to another question, maybe she was asking for emphasis. Any way, she wanted to know whether individuals could participate in the Federation even if their association was not a member. My wife also thought the talk went well although she thought Esther's portion was more relaxed than mine.
 - The downside was that there were only 11 civic associations present.
 - But, if they were all BDC members that was 11 out of 19 paid members this year, and it did not include 5 Federation members from Braddock.
 - Thus, the count represented 6 associations that have not been members of the Federation since 03 and maybe never, 2 Federation associations from last year that have not renewed including Truro, and 2 Federation associations that were members between 03-06. Only my wife represented an association that was paid up to the Federation this year. I will be following up on these contacts as time allows.
 - The couple from Burke Conservancy District, who at the last BDC meeting said to my wife - What is the Federation, and to whom she had sent our introductory letter and application, told her that the Burke District would be discussing joining the Federation at their next meeting.
 - This would be the first member this year that was not renewing or rejoining.
- Public Safety - Merrily Pierce
 - Resolutions - Bill Hanks
 - Transportation - Roger Hoskin
 - Website - Tania Hossain

District Council Reports

Braddock - Art Wells

Mason - Roger Hoskins

Lee - Jane Hilder

Mt. Vernon - Greg Scoma

Providence - Rebecca Cate

Sully - Jeff Parnes

Springfield - Mike Thompson

Dranesville - N/A

Hunter Mill - N/A

Adjournment

The next membership meeting will be 13 December 2007 (2nd Thursday)

The next board meeting will be 20 December 2007 at the Marco Polo Restaurant in Vienna (3rd Thursday)