

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
7:30 pm, Thursday, 24 July 2008

Call to Order/Welcome - Jeff Parnes

Proposed Calendar:

Month	Membership	Board	Newsletter Deadline
Jul 08	No Summer Membership Meetings	23	
Aug	No Summer Membership Meetings	28 - propose to cancel meeting and hold membership database meeting instead unless circumstances change	
Sep	18 - Fairfax Chamber of Commerce - Bill Lecos	25	31 Aug
Oct	16 - OPEN	23	5 Oct
Nov	13 - OPEN (2 nd Thursday)	20 - Legislation Package (Sally) (3 rd Thursday)	2 Nov
Dec	11 - Legislation Package (Sally) (2 nd Thursday)	18 (3 rd Thursday, at Marco Polo in Vienna)	30 Nov
Jan 09	15 - School Budget Presentation (Charlie)	22	4 Jan
Feb	19 - OPEN	Combined with March Board Meeting	8 Feb
Mar	26 - County Budget Presentation (Sally) (4 th Thursday)	5 (1 st Thursday)	15 Mar
Apr	16 - Report from Federation Appointees & Representatives (Esther)	23	5 Apr
May	21 - Report from Richmond (Selected Fairfax County legislators)	28	10 May
Jun	18 - Picnic - State of Fairfax by BOS Chair	25	7 Jun

Organizational Topics - Jeff Parnes

- Schedule review - see above
 - Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Cathy Smith, Director of Marketing wonders if we'd be interested in having a representative from the Symphony make a presentation to the Federation's membership at one of its meetings.
 - You may or may not know that the Fairfax Symphony is about to begin its 52nd season, and the first in 36 years without Maestro Bill Hudson at the helm. However, this is a really exciting time for us, and this year, we will be offering patrons an opportunity to give us their opinion on the final 6 candidates for music director (out of 249 applicants). Also, for the first time, we are offering special group rates for members of citizens associations
 - From its inception 52 years ago by a group of friends who wanted to make music together to it's present force of 95 professional musicians, the FSO has grown as has the County - in size, in quality, and in stature. I think your membership might be interested in learning a little bit about what has been called the "jewel of Fairfax County," and we would love to come and talk with you about the Orchestra that was named "Best" by the readers of Northern Virginia Magazine (<http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/FSO2007INTHENNEWS.html>). Since our season begins on September 20th, it would probably make sense for us to address one of your earlier rather than later meetings
- Rotating recording secretary for board minutes - (**tonight - Charlie**, Aug - Carol, Sep - Sally, Nov - Jane, Dec - Flint, Jan - Jim C., Mar - Mike, Apr - Roger, May - Jim D , Jun - Bill - if you can't make your meeting switch with another designee!)
- Board Vacancies - Recording & Corresponding Secretaries, Human Services and Public Safety (Proposed Chair - Andrew Levy)

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Approval of Board Meeting Minutes -

- 21 December 2007 Merrily - were minutes approved?
 - 24 January 2008 Tania - secretary pro tem for January
 - 6 March 2008 Bill - secretary pro tem for March
 - 22 May 2008- Esther - secretary pro tem for May
- www.fairfaxfederation.org/minutes-agenda/200805MinutesBoard.pdf

Treasurer's Report - Scott Schegel

- 2008-09 Budget
- Financial Statement

Other organizational topics:

- Topics from the floor

Old Business

- Letter for the Washington Post
- Federation's incorporation status: We received letter of incorporation with a reinstatement date of July 10th
- Washington Regional Equity Network (WREN)
 - Are we interested in participating in this coalition of DC-based non-profits

<http://washingtonregionalequity.net>

New Business and Miscellaneous Business

- Liability insurance in case someone at our meetings is injured as a result of some carelessness/action by an attendee. This insurance costs \$75 per year. (Charlie)
- John has volunteered, pro bono, to act as the Registered Agent for Federation
- Cosponsoring debates with the LWVFA – correspondence from Janey George, LWVFA Voter Service Outreach Director
 - The LWVFA has issued an invitation to the nine campaigns for the 2008 Congressional Districts -- 8th, 10, and 11th, for televised live fall debates working with Channel 10. Our board discussed the possibility of sponsoring a conventional debate with the Federation and we will have to pass. We do not have the people power right now to make the necessary and complicated arrangements, hence the televised debates.
 - Is the Federation interested in co-sponsoring the 11th District televised debate with us? The debates will reach a large audience as Channel 10 will run them several days at different times, also they will be on both the League's and Channel 10's websites. We feel that by, offering debates this way, we will reach a much larger audience, giving people the choice of when and how they will watch.
 - We have always enjoyed our relationship with The Federation and thank you for thinking of us.
- Responding to questions from newspapers in general, and in specific:
 - Gerry Hyland wants to look into possibly changing certain county ZIP code names to provide more clarity. For example...changing the "Alexandria" portion of the county to "Mount Vernon" ...changing the sections of "Herndon" that are not in the Town of Herndon to "Oak Hill, Va"...etc.
 - John Jennison's comments:
 - School boundary changes are perhaps the most controversial subject in the county, and address changes are not too far behind as they, impact property values, schools, public safety and county services. For example, whenever a development goes up in Falls Church near McLean, there is a great effort to have a "McLean" postal address. Stories of buyer's remorse are out there, when one purchased in a "McLean Gardens" only to find out later the address is Falls Church, Virginia.
 - So these are very important issues. Personally, I grew up in Fairfax county, but the address was Alexandria, Virginia. The Alexandria & Fairfax county line was but a block or two away.
 - Now there are also safety response issues to consider. If one called 911 from my boyhood home and gave the address, then it is likely an Alexandria fire truck would respond instead of the Fairfax county one. This also plays into consideration for street snow removal, and in the old days (before privatization) of trash pick up.

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- Again, my boyhood home is nowhere near Mt. Vernon, so I hope Hyland's proposal is limited in scope. But maybe a new name is called for, "Fairlandria"? Winners of name suggestions get Federation mugs...
- But the county proposal seems to want to improve Fairfax county identity, and abandon any future confusion with Alexandria, Falls Church, and other similar two distinct geographic designations. My present view is to let the people who own residences in the impacted areas weigh in and they should help decide what they want to call where they live.
- Second, Gerry Connolly has proposed relaxing zoning regulations so that residents who wanted to install a wine turbine would that not have to come before the BZA...also I think he wants to do away with HOA covenants that ban solar panels on homes and wind turbines.
- Robert G. Hunt, a former Federation President ('70-71) and At-Large School Board Member ('73-77), was pleased to read, in a recent Bulletin, of the work of the Federation rep on an advisory committee on school bussing matters
 - As a grandparent of one Fairfax school student and another who will be, I think that the issue of the length of time some kids spend on school busses and the time that they have to be up in the morning to catch a bus is a major issue adversely affecting these kids' education and health, their development as well-rounded individuals and the quality of their families' lives.
 - Too little attention has given to this matter by current and recent School Boards as they plunge forward solving issues of student population growth by increasing the size of existing facilities and thereby increasing the time some kids spend on busses.
 - I'm glad to see that the Federation has a rep in the forefront in addressing this matter.
 - I congratulate you all.

Board & Committee Reports

- Budget - Sally Ormsby
- Bulletin/Newsletter - Carol Hawn
 - August meeting for Mailing List conversion to database entries for future email distribution of Bulletin
- Education & Youth - Charlie Dane
 - Proposed 2nd phase of consolidation of FCPS administrative buildings
 - Draft letter for review - if we meet in August, final approval can wait until then but if we do not I would like approval tonight recognizing that some changes may still be order as education committee members provide further comment or additional information becomes available..
 - www.fairfaxfederation.org/Letters/LetterFCSBondAdmConsolidation080724Draft.pdf
- Report on FCPS/BOS meeting & fiscal forecasts
- Appointment of Latisha Elcock to Gifted and Talented Adv. Committee
- Possible briefing on Special Education action by FCPS - by Jeff Nolan and possible resolution
- Environment - Flint Webb
 - Federation's participation and involvement with Northern Virginia Urban Forestry Roundtable
www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Environment/NorthernVirginiaUrbanForestryRoundtableAgenda200809.pdf
- Human Services - Vacant
- Land Use - Jim Colby
 - Don Hinman, Lee District representative to the Fairfax Federation, provided a copy of the Bond release brochure for HOAs being developed by the county. Please send him your comments and suggestions for improvement of the brochure. He welcomes suggestions on other ways to get feedback from HOAs and interested people around the county.
 - www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Landuse/BondReleaseBrochure080604.pdf
 - Special Exception for waiving minimum lot width,
 - Report on Status of Virginia Power Lines
- Legislation - Sally Ormsby
- Membership - Charlie Dane

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- Update on membership - also make sure Scott has all applications and discuss approach to South County Federation
- Public Safety - Vacant - Andrew Levy proposed as chair
- Resolutions - Bill Hanks
 - Consider a process page or something to that affect for all the officers
- Transportation - Roger Hoskin
 - Mark Tipton, FCFCA Trails and Sidewalks Committee representative:
 - Provided the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) Status Report for sidewalks, trails, bus shelters, and road projects for May, 2008.
www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Transportation/UDBandTDBMonthlyStatusReport200805.pdf
 - Also, the person to contact to request sidewalks or for walkway maintenance is Ahmed Rayyan 703-324-5983
ahmed.rayyan@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - The contact to request trails or trail maintenance on Park Authority land is Jenny Pate 703-324-8726
jenny.pate@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Website - Tania Hossain/Jeff Parnes
 - I've updated the Federation aliases for 2008 as indicated below, eliminating the 2006 aliases, keeping the 2007 ones and creating new ones for 2009. Please review the list below to ensure that your preferred email address is the target of the correct aliases. Please inform me if any changes are needed or if I have left off any one or organization.
 - The website will be updated in the near future to reflect this change, but the change goes into effect immediately.
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- Change in Committee Listing on Web? - Add Resolutions and consider adding Civic Association Services

District Council Reports

Braddock - Art Wells	Mason - Roger Hoskins	Lee - Jane Hilder
Mt. Vernon - Jim Davis	Providence - Rebecca Cate	Sully - Jeff Parnes
Springfield - Mike Thompson	Dranesville - N/A	Hunter Mill - N/A

Adjournment

The next membership meeting will be 18 Sep

The next board meeting is scheduled for 28 Aug 08 - last year we cancelled the August meeting- should we hold a membership database meeting instead?