

Membership Meeting Minutes

Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale, Virginia 22003-2403
Thursday, May 20, 2010

Approved June 17, 2010

The May 2010 Meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Jeff Parnes at 7:48 p.m. in the general meeting room of the Packard Center. Attendance was not recorded.

Program: Report from Richmond

The report from Richmond was presented by House of Delegate Members Jim LeMunyon (R-67th District) and Kaye Kory (D-38th District) and State Senator George Barker (D-39th District). The general agreement was that the General Assembly (GA) session addressed a difficult budget year for the commonwealth. In addition, the session continued a conflict between Fairfax County and the rest of the State regarding allocation of resources.

Delegate LeMunyon highlighted the initiative of the 19 freshmen House members to post voting records on their GA website. The initiative passed the House by 86-13 and died in a Senate committee by 14-2. Delegates LeMunyon and Kory have chosen to post their voting records on their official websites.

Delegate Kory highlighted the good work of the entire Northern Virginia delegation in convincing the Governor to unfreeze the Local Composite Index (LCI). This will provide more money to the public schools of Fairfax County than would an earlier planned delay in implementing the LCI updated index. Delegate Kory noted that most of this year's legislation focused on social issues; she would have liked a more robust debate on budgetary matters.

Senator Barker highlighted three constitutional amendments on the ballot this November, along with election of members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The three amendments are: property tax abatement; complete flexibility to provide tax relief as deemed by local jurisdictions; and increasing the rainy day fund to cap at 15%. In addition, Senator Barker mentioned that all the bills he submitted for this session were killed by various House committees.

Administrative Topics

Bulletin/Newsletter -Newsletter articles are due to the editor by May 28.

Minutes - The membership approved the minutes of the April 10, 2010, membership meeting. Tania Hossain is serving as Recording Secretary Pro Temp for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Scott Schlegel - Scott submitted the treasurer's report by e-mail. Net income (loss) for the year to date is (\$3,264.21). This will be largely offset by \$3,000 due from SAIC for its COY sponsorship. SAIC's check and several other smaller checks for the banquet are yet to be received. A motion to receive and file the report was made, seconded, and adopted/approved unanimously.

Old Business

Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet - Chair, John Jennison

The 2009 COY event was successful in terms of recognizing many dedicated leaders who volunteer in the community. The governor spoke well of Fairfax County and recognized the talent of its citizen volunteers. The elected officials at the event were appreciative of the one-on-one face time they had with the governor. We have to give more time to the planning of COY and advanced execution. And more importantly, we have to continue to make this a signature event for the Federation.

2009 COY Banquet financial results: Total Income \$7,216.00; Total Expense: \$8,090.37; Net Income (Loss): (\$874.37)

John is collecting feedback on this year's event; comments can be sent to him directly.

Tyson's Corner

The Bulletin published a draft, proposed letter on Planning Commission consideration of Tyson's Corner Plan. The membership voted to send the final letter.

New Business

Virginia Avenue Tunnel

A resolution supporting improvements to the Virginia Avenue (railroad) Tunnel that was authored by Gail Parker was published in *The Bulletin*. The membership voted to support the Virginia Avenue Tunnel proposal.

Federation Picnic on June 17

The point of contact for the Federation's picnic is Kahan Dhillon. Members should tell Kahan which items they will bring; for example, main courses, desserts, beverages, plastic ware, salads, and starches,

Elections: Nominations from floor and Nominations Committee

The nomination committee put forth the names of Tania Hossain for President, Kahan Dhillon for First Vice President, Scott Schlegel for Treasurer, Ed Wyse for Recording Secretary, and Esther Ferington for Correspondence Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor and the membership elected the above slate of officers for FY 2010-2011. The nomination committee will reconvene to nominate a Second Vice President. Recommendations for this nomination should be sent to John Jennison.

Board & Committee Reports

Association Services - Don Hinman

Don circulated handout about the Association Services Budget –

Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall— no report

Education - Charlie Dane

The Education Committee provided testimony of the Fairfax County Public Schools draft approved FY 2011 budget on May 11th. In addition, two members presented testimony - one for Mt Vernon Education Committee and one as an individual. FCPS will be facing a shortfall of about \$140M in FY2012 and another \$120M in FY 2012, but the School Board will likely set aside only about \$45M for FY 2012.

The usual practice, after possible amendments to the draft approved budget are discussed at a board meeting (last Thursday), is for the Budget Chair to try to craft a more encompassing resolution that will garner support from a majority of the members. This has to be done through one-on-one discussions. It appears that the chair was not successful in satisfying a majority of the members as there are 19 amendments to the main motion to be discussed and voted on tonight.

Environment - Flint Webb—no report

Human Services - position vacant

Land Use - Fred Costello—no report

Legislation - Tania Hossain—no report

Membership - Tania Hossain

The Federation currently has forty members. Don, Fred and Tania are conducting membership outreach

Public Safety – G. Gail Parker

As reported under New Business, the membership approved a resolution supporting improvements to the Virginia Avenue Tunnel.

Resolutions - Bill Hanks—no report

Transportation - Roger Hoskin and Carey Campbell—no report

Website - Jeff Parnes—no report

District Council Reports

Braddock - Art Wells

Braddock District Council (BDC) held a special meeting on May 19 to begin development of a plan to change how VDOT is funded for mowing grass along Braddock District roads.

The BDC meeting on June 8th will feature (a) announcement of the winners of several categories of "Best of Braddock Awards" including Citizen of the Year and (b) voting for a new slate of officers for 2010–2011.

Seventy-five people attended the Leadership Institute January and 36 participated in two Neighborhood Colleges held in March and April; these sessions were scheduled by Supervisor Cook's office.

Hunter Mill - N/A

Lee - Don Hinman

Don invited the membership to a Lee District Event on What's Happening in Springfield and on Route 1 Commercial Redevelopment in Lee District. The event panelists will include Debi Sandlin of Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation and Meghan Van Dam of Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning, who has worked on the comprehensive plan and Springfield Mall issues. The community is invited to this event.

Mason - Roger Hoskin—absent

The next Mason District Council meeting will be June 17.

Mount Vernon - Karen Pohorylo—no report

Providence - Charles Hall

The Providence District Council (PDC) hosted Senator Chap Petersen and Delegate Mark Keam at their Report from Richmond event at their last meeting. PDC's annual picnic will be held on June 15 at Eakins Park.

Springfield - Mike Thompson—no report

Sully - Jeff Parnes

The Sully District Council May meeting will be the report from Richmond; at the June meeting Supervisor Frey will present the State of Sully. There will be no meetings in July and August.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Next Meetings

The next board meeting is scheduled May 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

The next membership meeting is the picnic scheduled June 17, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

*Minutes written by Tania Hossain, Recording Secretary Pro Temp,
and published by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary*