

Minutes of Membership Meeting of October 21, 2010

Approved November 18, 2010

Meeting held at: Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA on Thursday, October 21, 2010, 7:30 p.m. Second Vice President Don Hinman presided and Corresponding Secretary Esther Ferington took these minutes. Attendance list is attached to file copy.

Program

There was no guest speaker, because the primary purpose of the membership meeting was presentation, review, and approval of the Federation legislative program, which had been previously distributed online.

Administrative Topics

Minutes: Prior to turning to the legislative program, Second Vice President Hinman reported that the draft membership minutes for the previous meeting would be considered for approval at the next membership meeting in November, rather than at this meeting.

Charles Dane noted that a previous set of minutes had recorded that a joint budget meeting between the county and the school board was to be October 23; in fact, the meeting is October 26.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Scott Schegel distributed and discussed the Treasurer's Report. By a unanimous vote, the report was received and filed.

Human Services—Needs Chair

Newsletter: Don Hinman noted, with Newsletter Editor Fred Costello's concurrence, that the deadline for materials for the next issue of the Bulletin is November 1.

New Business

Fairfax County Police: With the prior permission of the chair, Second Vice President Don Hinman, and of Federation President Tania Hossain, whom he had contacted before the meeting, Gabe Goldberg, representative of the Walnut Hill Association, reported on a fundraising project based on his experience as a citizen who attended the 10-week (one evening a week) Fairfax County Citizen Police Academy, billed as a glimpse behind the badge, which he described and strongly recommends. Past participants and related volunteers are raising money for a Police Department canteen, which is a mobile unit that responds to major incident scenes to supply food and rest areas for police who may be onsite for many hours or multiple days, through sales of a 2011 entertainment discount book.

Board and Committee Reports

Budget: Carey Campbell, Charles Hall: No report.

Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman: No report.

Education Committee: Charles Dane reported that the Fairfax County Public Schools held an "education summit" on the previous Saturday, which had a big turnout. The keynote speaker, Ken Keys, emphasized the four Cs, critical thought, creativity, collaboration, and communication. FCPS already has these areas covered in its school governance documents, expressed slightly differently, and the school board may adjust the wording. He also reported that the Fairfax County PTA Council will meet on October 28 to look at the VRS retirement fund and how to make it solvent, since it is not now.

Environment Committee: Chair Flint Webb reported he had attended a meeting of an advisory board related to the Chesapeake Bay regarding the upcoming TMDL (total maximum daily load) levels related to all streams feeding into the Chesapeake Bay, standards which are expected to be very contentious. The website for the TMDL is <http://www.epa.gov/chesapeakebaytmdl/> and comments can be made through November 8. Several aspects concern homeowners, especially those with septic systems. Others will relate to regulations. He asked at the meeting whether the advisory board had anyone representing homeowners and was told only that many members of the board are themselves homeowners. He wonders whether there is a potential role for the Federation in participating on this board. Roger Dietrich noted that the county is now completing its final watershed plan, having done all the others. He said this is essentially a wish list of projects that could be used for a given watershed, but there are funding issues.

Human Services: Position vacant.

Land Use Committee: Chair Fred Costello reported that the recent Vision subcommittee meeting for the Reston planning task force revealed considerable disagreement on its purpose.

Legislation: See below under Other New Business.

Membership: Kahan Dhillon: No report.

Public Safety: Gail Parker: No report.

Resolutions: Bill Hanks: No report.

Transportation: Carey Campbell and Jeff Parnes: No report.

Federation Web Site: Following the vote on the Legislative Program, Webmaster Jeff Parnes noted that the picture gallery on the Federation website has been updated. He has provided the names of those faces he can identify and would appreciate information from anyone who can identify additional faces, to create more complete captions.

District Council Reports

Braddock District: Art Wells reported from Braddock District on the October 12 meeting, which was a briefing by the Woodson Parking Lot Coalition; there is a proposal to build a parking lot for up to 51 buses at the corner of Pickett and 236, which is meeting with opposition. The Braddock District Council is also moving its meeting night from the second Tuesday to the second Wednesday of the month. Supervisor Cook is scheduling another follow-up meeting on the Woodson Parking Lot. The Braddock, Mason, and Fairfax City working group met again to explore issues of common interest. He also reported on the major renovation of University Mall. Charles Dane added that the Braddock budget committee will meet on November 3.

Lee District: Don Hinman reported that the next Lee District Council meeting, on October 27, will be on HOA and civic association how-to information.

Mason District: Keith Taggart: No report.

Mount Vernon District: Karen Pohorylo: No report.

Providence District: Charles Hall: No report.

Springfield District: Mike Thompson: No report.

Sully District: Jeff Parnes: No report.

Other New Business

Legislative Program: Don Hinman then turned the chair over to the Chair of the Legislative Committee, Frank Anderson, who presided over the ensuing discussion of the proposed

legislative program. Jeff Parnes moved approval of the program and was seconded by Bill Hanks.

As in prior years, all friendly amendments and wording or wordsmithing changes to the legislative program will be incorporated in the revised legislative program and are not recorded here. No unfriendly amendments were put forward and thus no votes were held on amendments to the program.

In addition to those named above and other attendees, Leonard Bumbaca represented the Education Committee in the discussion as one of the committee's three co-chairs and put forward verbal amendments with a particular emphasis on the education portions of the program.

The program, as amended, was approved on a vote of 18 in favor and 3 against, with no abstentions.

Next Meetings

Next Membership Meeting: November 18, 2010. Braddock Hall.

Next Board Meeting: October 28, 2010. South County Center.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.