

Membership Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2011

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The May 2011 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tania Hossain at 7:40 p.m. in the general meeting room of the Packard Center, Annandale.

Meeting Opening

The Federation presented Clark Tyler with his permanent Citizen of the Year award along with the memory album. In his remarks, Mr. Tyler thanked the Federation for its work in the community and said that he looks forward to continued work with the Federation in the coming years.

Per the bylaws, the election of 2011-2012 Officers was held towards the beginning of the agenda. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Art Wells offered the Nominating Committee's report and presented 2011-2012 Officers slate to the Federation membership: Tania Hossain - President, Don Hinman - 1st Vice President, Joe Gibson – 2nd Vice President, Ed Wyse – Recording Secretary, Scott Schlegel – Treasurer, and Fred Costello – Corresponding Secretary. The nomination was open to the floor. No other nomination was offered and the nomination process was closed. The Federation membership unanimously approved the Nominating Committee's proposed slate. President Tania Hossain congratulated the incoming officers and thanked the Nominating Committee on its excellent work.

Program: Report from Richmond

The report from Richmond was presented by State Senator Dave Marsden (D-37th District) and Delegate Mark Keam (D-35th District). The general agreement was that the General Assembly session addressed difficult legislative matters for the Commonwealth in a collegial manner.

Senator Marsden gave us an overview of the shortfall in transportation funding and the need for a long term funding solution, insurance coverage of the autism spectrum disorder, smaller group homes, community-based mental health care, prison reform and the closure of juvenile detention centers. Senator Marsden also impressed upon us how we are living in better times as Virginians. To illustrate that, he drew the following comparison: In 1948 with a population of about 40,000, there were 40 traffic related deaths and 20 homicides and in 2004 with a population of about one million, there were 40 traffic related deaths and 15 homicides in Fairfax County. Senator Marsden left us with a positive outlook on the inner workings of the next General Assembly and asked us to stay engaged with him, especially during the next session when the General Assembly will be working on Governor McDonnell's first budget as the next biennial budget.

Delegate Keam gave us an overview on the current redistricting process and its impact on Fairfax County residents. He recommended the Division of Legislative Services redistricting website for details on the changes in representation (<http://redistricting.dls.virginia.gov/2010/>). Delegate Keam discussed the concept of structured reform as pertains to the Commonwealth's budget and asked us to stay tuned to Governor McDonnell's first biennial budget for these structural reforms.

He informed us that May 2011 was the start of the first wave of the Silver Tsunami (baby-boomer retirements) and that we need to make sure that we are prepared in our human services delivery. He also stressed the importance of higher education and that regardless of the ebb and flow in generations on higher education, funding for higher education must remain a priority for the Commonwealth. Delegate Keam also discussed transportation funding and stressed the need for diversified revenue sources.

Administrative Topics

Minutes: The membership approved the minutes of the April 21, 2011, membership meeting. Tania Hossain is serving as Recording Secretary Pro Tem for this meeting.

The Bulletin (our newsletter): Newsletter articles are due to the editor by May 23.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Schlegel submitted the treasurer's report by e-mail and reports that the Federation is in the black in net income for the current year. This is the first time in five years that the

Citizen of the Year Banquet has provided some income for the Federation. A motion to receive and file the report was made, seconded, and adopted/approved unanimously.

Old Business

The 2010 Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet: Jeff Parnes, COY Chair, reported that the 2010 COY event was successful in terms of recognizing many dedicated leaders who volunteer in the community and in the increase in the number of guests. We had an excellent guest speaker in Katharine Weymouth, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Post Media and Publisher. We should give more time to the planning of COY and advanced execution. Jeff has already started in that direction. We have to continue to make this a signature event for the Federation.

2010 COY Banquet Financial Results: Total Income \$8,395.00; Total Expense: \$6,493.00; Net Income gain of \$1,902.00. Many thanks again for the co-sponsorship of SAIC.

New and Miscellaneous Business

Federation Annual Picnic: The Federation's Annual Picnic and Installation of Officers will be on Thursday, June 16.

Policies and Procedures: Bill Hanks circulated the Policy and Procedures cover sheet for Board adoption at its May 26 meeting. Working documents were circulated in advance of the meeting.

Board & Committee Reports

No Board or Committee reports were given.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Next Meetings

The next membership meeting is the picnic scheduled June 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled May 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be at the Packard Center, Annandale.

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