

Board Meeting Minutes

December 04, 2014

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2015

The December meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations met at 6:30 p.m. to socialize with the guests then was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:08 p.m. at the Fortune Restaurant, Seven Corners Shopping Center, 6249 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church, VA 22044.

Present:

Officers: Tim Thompson (President), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation), Matthew Bell (Treasurer/Legislation), Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget), Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use), and Tania Hossain (Past President).

District Council Representatives: No additional.

Committee Chairs: Don Hinman (Citizens Association Services), Ed Saperstein (Education), Cherie Tripp Lejeune (Human Services), Morgan Jameson (Human Services), Kathy Kaplan (Library), and Nancy Trainer (Nominating/Education).

Other: Edwin Sam Clay (Fairfax County Public Library), Terry Maynard (Reston Citizens Association), Bernadette Saperstein and John Cockayne.

Unfinished Business:

1. Draft Resolution on Fairfax County Public Library Collection Maintenance – The draft resolution (attached), having been tabled at the previous meeting, was taken from the table for discussion. Mr. Edwin Sam Clay, Director of Libraries, Fairfax County Public Library, provided documents and discussed the resolution and the mission of the Fairfax County Public Library. Terry Maynard presented charts describing financial and holdings trends in the FCPL. After significant discussion, Ed Saperstein moved, seconded by Bill Barfield, to send the resolution back to the Library Committee to redraft the resolution, if appropriate, to take into account the information and discussion. The motion passed on a vote of 13-1-0, with Kathy Kaplan voting against.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. for dinner.

Next Meetings:

Membership Meeting – January 15 - 2015 World Police and Fire Games - Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

Board Meeting - January 22, 2015, Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2), 2334 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring, VA 22027.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Attachment 1

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS
RESOLUTION ON FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
COLLECTION MAINTENANCE

Draft for FedBoard 10/23/14

Background

Since 2005, hundreds of thousands of books have been discarded from the Fairfax County Public Library as noted in the library's internal documents, the FCPL Collection Overview 2006-2014. Because of current and projected budget constraints, FCPL should make all efforts to maintain and preserve its current collection of books.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors voted to cancel the Beta Plan November 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors voted November 2013 that books in the collection should be mended and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors voted November 2013 that donated books should be added to the collection and,

WHEREAS, thousands of nonfiction books in good condition are being discarded due to low activity, including last copies, and

WHEREAS, Library Board Trustee Michael Cutrone asked the Library Board and the Library Director for a pause in the discarding of nonfiction books designated low activity until such time as a thorough reassessment of policy can be made, and

WHEREAS, Jennifer McCullough, President of the Fairfax County Public Library Employees' Association stated that many library branches do not have staff to mend and repair books, and

WHEREAS, books in otherwise good condition needing minor mending are being discarded as bad condition, and

WHEREAS, books with no condition problems other than a previous and successful mending are being discarded as bad condition, and

WHEREAS, books bearing FCPL identification that are currently on the shelves, but not in the online catalog, are being discarded, and

WHEREAS, single copies of donated new books that are not already in the online catalog are not added to the catalog by Technical Operations because of a rule that there must be four copies of a single title added to the catalog, and those donated new books are subsequently donated to Friends groups,

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for the Fairfax County Public Library to pause discarding nonfiction books based on low activity criteria until a comprehensive collection inventory has been completed, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for nonfiction books in good condition to not be discarded until an evaluation of the collection is completed to assess the state of the collection, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for retained low activity nonfiction books to be sent to branches with empty shelves and to not to be discarded, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for a halt to discarding last copies of books in the FCPL collection, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for books needing simple repairs of torn pages, a loose page, cracked spines, broken spines, and shaken bindings to be mended by library staff or volunteers, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for previously mended books with successful mending to not be discarded, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for library staff and library volunteers to be trained to mend FCPL books and to mend FCPL books, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for books that bear FCPL library markings and are on the shelves, but for unknown reasons are not in the online catalog, to be added to the catalog and not discarded, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for donated new books to be added to the collection even if there are less than four copies donated.