

Membership Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2015

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Approved March 19,
2015

The February Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) was called to order by Vice President Ed Wyse at 7:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA.

Present:

Officers: Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership/ Civic Association of West Springfield Village), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation), Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget).

District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment), Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website/ Chantilly Highlands Homes Association).

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association).

Members: Joana Garcia (Crosspointe Swim and Racquet, Inc.), John Simonetti (North Springfield Civic Association).

Others: Pamela Hess (Executive Director, Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture) (202.280.0076, pam@arcadiafood.org, www.arcadiafood.org).

Membership Program: Reimagining Woodlawn Plantation by Pamela Hess, Executive Director, Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture. The movement and widening of US Route 1 will affect the Plantation providing an opportunity to make changes to make best use of the resources at the site. Arcadia's mission is to promote a more sustainable food system, and they are looking at opportunities to use the Woodlawn Plantation to further this mission. Arcadia is focusing on low income communities and veterans returning from deployment. Pamela Hess presented a vision, using \$20 million, to maximize local and sustainable use of the Plantation including event space, restaurant, farm stand, garden center, café with regional beer and wine garden, interpretive trails, business incubator for farmers, educational programs, and 15 acres of sustainable agriculture demonstrations.

Administrative and Organizational Topics: Ed Wyse reported:

- Citizen of the Year Award and Banquet. For information see <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm>, to be held on May 3, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza at Tyson's Corner. Tania Hossain is in charge. Nomination period has been extended to February 28, 2015.

Federation Appointments: Ed Wyse reported the following appointments approved at the last board meeting:

- Chairman of Resolutions Committee. Charlie Dane.
- Audit Committee Chair. Elizabeth Greene.
- Audit Committee Member. Scott Schlegel.
- Federation's appointee to the Engineering Standards Review Committee. Ned Poffenberger; alternate is Phil Hughes.
- Federation's appointee to AHOME (Affordable Housing Opportunity Means Everyone). Tim Thompson is evaluating several candidates.

Bulletin/Newsletter: Fred Costello needs articles the Saturday following the board meeting; this month the deadline is February 28, 2015.

Meeting Minutes: Curtis Anderson presented the minutes of January 15, 2015 Membership Meeting to be approved. Ed Saperstein moved, seconded by Joanna Garcia to approve. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Bell prepared the Treasurer's report (attached) showing cash and equity of \$17,849.89 as of February 19, 2015. Net Income from July 1 through February 19, 2015 was \$226.97. Curtis Anderson moved, seconded by Bill Barfield to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business presented.

New Business: No new business presented.

District Council Reports & Membership – Open Floor

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock – Art Wells – Report attached.
2. Lee – Chris Soule – No report.
3. Mason – John Birch – No report.
4. Mt. Vernon – Katherine Ward– The reimagined Woodlawn Plantation will be great for the County by becoming a tourist destination as well, therefore bringing in additional tax revenue.
5. Providence – Flint Webb – Meetings keep being cancelled due to weather. Flint attended the I-66 public meeting at Oakton High School.
6. Springfield – Ed Wyse - No report.
7. Sully – Jeff Parnes – In January the Loudon County Department of Planning and Zoning discussed plans for development along the Route 50 corridor. Our usually Wednesday meeting night has been changed to Thursday in February so that both the Sully Parks Authority representative and the Parks Authority Director can speak on the Parks Authority. The March meeting will be a joint town hall meeting on the FY 2016 County and School Board budgets co-sponsored by Sully Supervisor Michael R. Frey and School Board Representative Cathy Smith.

8. Membership – Open Floor – No items presented.

Board & Committee Reports

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson – Looking for thoughts.
2. Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman – No report.
3. Education – Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer – Ed Saperstein reported that there is a bill, not FCFCA's, to increase the Tobacco Tax (HB 1590) and it was tabled. There was a bill to impose a license fee on retailers and wholesalers of tobacco that was tabled. The House of Delegates passed changing the starting date of the school year (HB1550) but it was tabled in the Senate. Received several nice comments in response to the Strategic Planning letter sent by FCFCA to the Fairfax County Public School Board (FCPS Board). Committee testified at the FCPS Board.
4. Environment - Flint Webb – Plastic Bag bill was proposed in both houses, but after crossover was tabled. A cankerworm proposal recommending only ground spraying of 66 acres, no aerial spraying, has been proposed by the county environmental office.
5. Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – No report.
6. Land Use - Fred Costello & Jack Dobbyn – No report.
7. Library - Kathy Kaplan – Libraries were cut 7.7% in the budget proposal. This does not reflect the magnitude of services that are being cut from the library in the FY16 budget and the ongoing future impact to library service. It appears that 31% of the net positions to be cut will come from one agency, the library. At the moment we are waiting for a budget analysis from Karen Conchar of SEIU.
8. Legislation - Bill Barfield & Matt Bell – Bill Barfield noted the previous reports and library bill passed the Senate.
9. Membership – Ed Wyse – Ed Wyse reported 49 members and one interested association.
10. Public Safety – Daniela Cockayne– No report.
11. Resolutions – Charles Dane – No report.
12. Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin –
 - a. Jeff Parnes reported there had been 4 public hearings / outreach events in January and February on:
 - i. Fairfax Connector Changes to Routes in Reston, Herndon and Tysons;
 - ii. I-66 Corridor Improvements:

VDOT discussed variable tolling inside the Beltway on I-66, and outside the Beltway Hotlines would be a public-private partnership. Planning to expedite exit onto Route 28. Will be able to hold median of I-66 for future mass transit to Centreville. Looking at Express Buses to Pentagon/Crystal City area from outside the Beltway. Outside the Beltway will start work in 2017, while inside Beltway will start in 2015 and finish in 2017.
 - iii. Fairfax County Parkway/Rolling Road Interchange, and
 - iv. Creating a fourth lane on I395 southbound from Duke Street to Edsall Road

- b. Members of the Transportation Committee receive occasion emails alerting them to upcoming transportation-related public events, presentations and media postings. If interested in receiving these emails, please contact the committee chairs
13. Website – Jeff Parnes, Fred Costello & Brian Graham – Jeff Parnes reported that website includes Tweets on front page. Transportation and Education committee pages are up to date. Latest budget information handouts have been posted on the Budget Committee page. The web site is missing recent Board Meeting Agendas.

Adjournment: Ed Saperstein moved, seconded by Jeff Parnes, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Next Meetings:

- Board Meeting, February 26, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2), 2334 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring, VA 22027.
- Membership Meeting: “County and Public Schools Budgets”, March. 19, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

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Balance Sheet

As of February 19, 2015

	Feb. 19, 15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T Act # 5234331304 (Checking)	17,849.89
Total Checking/Savings	17,849.89
Total Current Assets	17,849.89
TOTAL ASSETS	17,849.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
1110 – Retained Earnings	15,917.94
3000 – Opening Bal Equity	1,704.98
Net Income	226.97
Total Equity	17,849.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	17,849.89

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Income Statement

July 1 through February 19, 2015

	Jul 1,2014 – Feb. 19, 2015
Income	
4080 – Interest	0.97
4090 – Membership Dues	860.00
4170 – Program Fees	
4180 – Banquet	0.00
Total 4170 – Program Fees	0.00
4190 – Reimbursed Expenses	-448.00
Total Income	412.97
Expense	
6160- Dues and Subscriptions	72.00
6230 – Licenses and Permits	25.00
6290 – Rent	89.00
Total Expense	186.00
Net Income	226.97

Braddock District Council Report – Art Wells, Braddock District Council Representative

The Braddock District Council (BDC) did not schedule a regular meeting for February. Rather the BDC encouraged all members to attend Supervisor Cook's "Civic and Homeowners Association Leadership Roundtable" on February; 25th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Kings Park Library. The overall purpose of the roundtable is to provide a forum for the exchange of thoughts and ideas on best practices to strengthen and improve neighborhoods throughout the District.

The BDC will schedule a regular meeting in March concerning the Advertised 2016 Budget, and in April for a legislative update on the General Assembly's current session.

The BDC's special committee on "Aging in Place" held its membership meeting on February 18th. The featured topic was "50+ Community Action Plan" presented by Richard Chobot, Chair, Fairfax County Commission on Aging.