Membership Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2015

The May 21, 2015, meeting of the membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:30 p.m. at the Mason Governmental Center.

Program:

Federation representative to the Citizen Corps Council (and delegate to the Federation from Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association) John Cockayne introduced the guest speaker, Dean Sherick, Office of Emergency Management. Dean covered a lot of ground: how individuals and citizen associations can prepare for seasonal emergencies, the pending Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, and Neighborhood Service Projects. His presentation will be posted on the Federation’s website (www.FairfaxFederation.org/). John presented Mr. Sherick with a Federation 75th anniversary mug.

Administrative and Organizational Topics

Meeting Minutes: The membership approved the minutes of the April meeting.

Treasurer’s Report. The treasurer’s report was a meeting handout. The report shows a negative income for the year of over $4700; however this is not a meaningful number because some Citizen of the Year income is not yet included. Several items were discussed.

The Bulletin: The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is May 30, 9 a.m.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Officer Elections: Tania Hossain, Chair, Nominating Committee, presided over officer elections. The Nominating Committee submitted a slate of officers, all incumbents, for the 2015-2016 membership year. Nominees were:

- Tim Thompson - President
- Ed Wyse - First Vice President
- Bill Barfield - Second Vice President
- Curtis Anderson - Recording Secretary
- Matt Bell - Treasurer
- Fred Costello - Corresponding Secretary

The floor was opened for additional nominations; there were none. The slate of candidates was elected by a unanimous voice vote.

In addition to Tania, the Nominating Committee includes two delegates from member associations (Ann Marie Swope and Nancy Trainer) and two representatives from district councils (Flint Webb and Art Wells).
Approval of Budget: Matt Bell presented the proposed 2015-2016 Federation Budget, which had been prepared by the Finance Committee (Matt, Ed Saperstein, and Ed Wyse) and approved by the board at its April meeting. After a discussion period, adoption was moved and seconded and the budget approved by voice vote.

Committee and District Council Reports:

Braddock District Council – Representative Art Wells reported.

The Braddock District Council’s (BDC) May 13th meeting featured a comprehensive presentation of the current organization, projects, and funding of the county Park Authority (PA) by Toni Vellucci, the Braddock District’s representative to the PA Board. An electronic version of the presentation will be made available to the Federation’s webmaster. Discussed during the BDC meeting was the first annual “Taste of Annandale” which will be held on June 13, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. along Tom Davis Drive.

The BDC June 10th meeting will focus on the election of officers for 2015-2016 and the nomination of individuals and organizations for the “Best of Braddock” awards to be presented at the district’s annual picnic on July 8th.

The Braddock District Supervisor’s office has scheduled the Braddock Road Community Meeting on June 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Providence District Council – Representative Flint Webb reported that on May 20 the membership approved bylaws. Election of officers will occur at the June 24 picnic.

Education Committee – The school board is meeting tonight to decide how to deal with a remaining budget shortfall and to adopt the FCPS FY 2016 Approved Budget.

Environment Committee – Monica Billger reported her attendance at the May 19-20 conference of the Choose Clean Water Coalition in Harrisburg PA. The coalition represents 200 organizations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that are committed to advocate restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its thousands of rivers and streams.

Flint Webb reported:

- The Fairfax Chamber of Commerce conference on Sustainability Reporting to Enhance Your Competitive Edge.
- The May 18 meeting of the Friends of Accotink Creek. Whole Foods is making a substantial donation to support a survey of fresh-water mussels.
- For I-66 capacity enhancement, VDOT has proposed a new plan that reduced the number of homes to be taken. The plan is based upon “grandfathering” existing pavement and only applying current stormwater management requirements to new pavement. Flint notes that a viable capacity-enhancing option not being considered by VDOT is bus rapid transit which would bypass the subway bottleneck at Rosslyn. Another option would be to limit construction between the beltway and Route 123.
Legislation Committee – Bill Barfield, when asked how the legislative package would be constructed this year, said the same process as used last year will be followed.

Second Vice President – Bill Barfield described the many committees and liaison positions that belong to the Federation and encouraged members to recruit more members so that the Federation would more fully represent the community.

Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission – Tim Thompson reported that anyone may participate (speak and research) in the workings of the Police Practices Review Commission by attending subcommittee meetings and joining a subcommittee. The meeting dates and times for the four subcommittees are on the county’s website. (At the home page, click on the icon at the bottom of the page for the Police Practices Review Commission. Click on the 2nd bullet at the top of the page for “Commissioners and Subcommittees.”) Anyone may attend meetings of the full commission as an observer, not a participant.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: May 28, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Rd, Braddock

Membership Meeting: June 18, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Picnic (address by Chairman Sharon Bulova and installation of officers), Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Secretary Pro Tem