The October meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on October 22, 2015, by First Vice President Ed Wyse pending the arrival of President Tim Thompson at 7:35 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center, Room 108, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Upon arrival, Tim Thompson presided.

Present:

Officers: Tim Thompson (President/Colvin’s Glen-Colvin’s Forest Citizens Association), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Civic Association of West Springfield), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation, Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget), and Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use/Fox Mill Estates Homes Association.

District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), John Birch (Mason/Bel Air Homeowners Association), and Flint Webb (Providence/Environment.

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association), Flint Webb (Environment), Cherie Tripp Lejeune (Human Services), Kathy Kaplan (Library/ Woodside at Holly Oak), Patrick Smaldore (Public Safety), Charlie Dane (Resolutions/Stone Haven Civic Association), and Karen Campblin (Transportation), Nancy Trainer (Nominating/Education/ Potomac Hills Citizens Association).

Other: Tammy Petrine (Reston 2020) and Elyette Conein.

Administrative and Organizational Topics: Tim Thompson – No report.


Meeting Minutes: Ed Wyse presented the minutes for the September 24, 2015 Board Meeting. Nancy Trainer moved, seconded by John Birch, to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Trainer presented the report on behalf of Matthew Bell noting Total Assets of $15,087.28, no Liabilities and Net Equity of $15,087.28 (see Attachment 1). Flint Webb moved, seconded by Nancy Trainer, to accept and file the Treasurer’s report; motion approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None.
New Business:

1. **Library Committee Resolution – Preservation of Shelving Space post Renovation:** Kathy Kaplan presented the attached resolution (Attachment 2). After discussion, Tim Thompson moved, seconded by Curtis Anderson, to call the question; approved unanimously. Kathy Kaplan moved, seconded by Nancy Trainer to approve the resolution as amended; approved 8-2-2.

2. **Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent’s Budget Task Force:** Charlie Dane noted that the Task Force had its last vote last week and the proposal will be posted on line on November 3 following the elections. He discussed his reasoning on how to approach a reduction in the budget of $50 million and then $75 million. He requested guidance on how to proceed with the request for signature on the final proposal as he anticipates the final report will include some recommendations that he opposes.

3. **Legislative Committee:** Bill Barfield discussed the survey sent out to identify legislative issues to be considered. About 800 emails were sent to leaders of both Federation member and non-member associations requesting further distribution of the survey to association members. Another 700 Springfield area NextDoor members received distribution. We received more than 280 responses compared to 130 responses last year. Bill reviewed the results noting that survey respondents identified Education, Transportation and Finance/Budget as the top three issue areas, although the others were close behind. He also noted that the Zip Code area 22003 (Annandale) provided the most responses (45) of any Zip Code area. Committees are to send issue papers to Bill by Saturday. On October 25 Bill will finalize the packet of issues and Ed will send the packet to members for their review prior to the October 29 membership meeting at which members will select the most important issues to send to our legislators.

Board & Committee Reports

1. **Budget – Curtis Anderson** – Curtis asked for names of those interested in serving on the Budget committee.

2. **Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman** – No report.

3. **Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet – Jeff Parnes noted by email:**
   
   Seven out eight committee members will convene in early November to plot way forward
   
   In the interim we have asked
   
   i) the treasurer for estimates of the various COY expenses for use in attracting sponsors, and
   
   ii) the COY committee members to solicit from their supervisors and other contacts membership lists of county chambers of commerce, trade groups, associations, etc, to use for the above solicitation

4. **Education – Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer** – Ed Saperstein noted that Superintendent Garza will be able to speak at the Federation on the first Tuesday in February; which will require a meeting date and location change.

5. **Environment - Flint Webb & Monica Billger** – No report.
6. Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – Cherie Lejeune noted that she was testing the live streaming of the meeting using the LiveStream app, and it appeared to be working. She also discussed the efforts of the Neighbor to Neighbor Fairfax Committee, which she chairs, to encourage Fairfax residents to knock on the doors of the neighbors on November 7 and 8 to introduce themselves to their neighbors; hopefully taking a “selfie” photo to send to her. Ed Wyse will distribute her handouts on the subject to the membership. She also discussed the NextDoor.com website and app as a tool for building neighborhoods.

7. Land Use - Fred Costello – No report.


11. Public Safety – Daniela Cockayne and Patrick Smaldore – Patrick Smaldore noted that he has invited the Chief of Police to speak to the Federation and he is working on a date.

12. Resolutions – Charlie Dane – No report.

13. Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – Jeff Parnes noted by email:
   Attended both the inside and outside I66 hearings this month.
   i) At the inside hearing reaffirmed our earlier testimony
   ii) At outside heard the determination of the preferred alternative to a very unhappy audience
   All supporting documents are available on the transportation web page
   Recommend that we schedule a meeting on I66, or another transportation issue of interest, to fill one of the TBD dates on our calendar

14. Website – Jeff Parnes and Fred Costello – Jeff Parnes noted by email:
   In the process of updating the following pages:
   i) Minutes
   ii) Library
   iii) Environment
   iv) Public Safety
   v) Legislation

District Council Reports
(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)
3. Mason – John Birch – Reported that the candidate forum with Mollie Loeffler, Supervisor Penny Gross, and Mason School Board Representative Sandy Evans was well attended. He also noted that he is using the NextDoor.com app.
5. Providence – Flint Webb – Reported there was a candidate forum on October 7.
7. Sully – Jeff Parnes – Jeff Parnes noted by email:
   i) September: Sully Legislative candidates’ night with LWVFA, etal
ii) October: Sully County candidates’ night next Wednesday with LWVFA, etal
iii) November, Dulles metro rail expansion

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Next Meetings:
Membership Meeting – October 29, 2015, 7:30 p.m., at the Gatehouse Administration Center, Room 5055, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA 22042.

Board Meeting – December 3, 2015, at a restaurant to be determined.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary
Attachment 1 – Treasurer’s Report

Balance Sheet
As of October 22, 2015

Assets
Current Assets
Checking/Savings
BB&T Act#5234331304 (Checking)  15,087.28

Total Checking/Savings  15,087.28

Total Current Assets  15,087.28

TOTAL ASSETS  15,087.28

LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Equity
1110 – Retained Earnings  12,746.97
3000 – Opening Bal Equity  1,704.98
Net Income  635.33

Total Equity  15,087.28

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY  15,087.28

Income Statement
July 1 through October 22, 2015

Income
4080 – Interest  0.33
4090 – Membership Dues  660.00

Total Income  660.33

Expense
6230 – Licenses and Permits  25.00

Total Expense  25.00

Net Income  635.33
LIBRARY COLLECTION RESOLUTION:
Preservation of Shelving Space post Renovation
Approved by Federation Board, October 22, 2015

BACKGROUND:

During the past decade the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has been unwilling to provide an adequate materials budget to replace lost, worn out and inaccurate books for the Fairfax County Public Library.

In 2004 Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library had 175,000 books in its collection (from FCPL Materials Inventory). The Tysons-Pimmit collection has been reduced since that year by harsh discard guidelines including the following:

So-called "low demand" books are being purged with only 24 months of non-circulation (industry standard is 60 months). This particularly affects books on art, music, history, religion, philosophy and biography;

The collection was further reduced in preparation for "floating" the collection through the entire system;

Next, the collection was reduced during the attempt to transition from print to digital following the 2012 Library Strategic Plan, including the massive dumping of books during the disastrous Beta Plan;

Further loss has occurred due to the current mechanism of redistributing books that enables Technical Operations to discard books in good condition that are transferred away from branches with too many copies or low demand copies;

Finally, on orders from Collection Services all books that are not in pristine condition must be discarded, even when wear is extremely minimal. The common and highly cost-effective procedure of mending slightly worn books is not encouraged.

As a result of all of this, Tysons-Pimmit has suffered a net loss of over 70,000 books. That's 70,000 from one Branch alone.

In 2004 Woodrow Wilson Library had a collection size of 87,000 holdings and after renovation
currently holds only 46,851 books (July 2015 Collection Analysis). Another 40,000 books lost.

Under the current renovation plans for Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, the FCPL Collection Manager has reduced the amount of shelving in floor plans so only enough linear feet of shelving for a maximum of 110,000 books will be accommodated after the renovation. The amount of linear feet for shelving space for books currently in the Tysons-Pimmit library will be halved.

Losses on this scale are occurring throughout the County. Most at risk at the moment are those Branches undergoing or soon to undergo renovation, including Tysons-Pimmit, Reston, Pohick, John Marshall and Kingstowne.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations wishes to see branch collections restored and enhanced after a decade of loss,

WHEREAS the resulting crowding of books from reduced shelving would necessitate further weeding and more discards,

WHEREAS the current collection levels throughout the county locks branch collections into the smallest collection in their history,

WHEREAS reduction in linear feet of shelf space will not allow a collection room to grow,

WHEREAS a new library director may want to eliminate the floating collection that causes books to be irregularly distributed throughout the branches,

WHEREAS Fairfax County intends for the population of Fairfax County to grow substantially by 2030,

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations desires a collection size beyond the bare minimum required by Virginia statute to provide for the growing Fairfax County population,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations hereby requests that all future renovations and rebuild of county libraries have adequate linear feet of usable shelving space to house at least their historic highest collection levels.

Submitted by

Ambassador Dennis Hays (ret.)                       Kathy Kaplan
Co-chair, Library Committee                       Co-chair, Library Committee
Attachment 3

Library Committee report to Federation Board
October 22, 2015

1. 101 bins of books in good condition were transferred to Technical Operations and discarded between January 2015 and mid-October 2015. At 550 books per bin that’s 55,550 books. Many high-quality nonfiction books including the very last copy of Edward O. Wilson’s *The Ants* and *100 Years of Art in Israel* as well as thousands of children’s books were removed from library shelves and discarded.

2. Sam Clay passed out a document purporting to be the 2013-2015 Library Strategic Plan to the Library Board budget committee on October 2. It calls for “transition from print to digital.” However, transition from print to digital was invalidated by vote of the Library Board November, 2013. The Library Board had not voted on this plan. See attached.

3. Rumor is that a candidate for the position of Library Director has been chosen by the Library Board, and that the Library Board is waiting to see when and if the Board of Supervisors will go along. Under Virginia code, the Library Board is the legal authority with right to appoint, not the BOS.

4. Feasibility study for Kingstowne redevelopment has been put on hold indefinitely. Kingstowne redevelopment which included library, Lee District supervisor’s office and adult day care center was to have been put on bond schedule for 2022. There have been flooding issues at current location in shopping center and considerable damage to the collection.

5. On November 4 at South Lakes High School, Reston at 7:30, there will be a meeting for the community about Reston Regional Library redevelopment. Please see RCA White Paper and Dennis Hays’ article on bulldozing the library at FfxLibraryAdvocates.blogspot.com

6. Tysons-Pimmit will close for renovations early in February. Their Friends group may rent space near the temporary facility at 7700 Leesburg Pike for the 18 month duration of renovation. Please see Library Committee’s Resolution concerning shelving space at Tysons and other branches being renovated.

7. The library Lines of Business document was requested with FOIA. Ed Long refused to release the document citing Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3705.7(2) (2014) and stating they are his working papers and are exempt. LOB will be released in January 2016. Both staff and Library Board have been told the budget of the library will be the same for FY17 as FY16; however library staff was also told cuts would be announced “after the election.”

Kathy Kaplan
Co-chair, Library Committee
Attachment 4

Braddock District Council Report (Art Wells)

On October 21, 2015, the Braddock District Council (BDC) special committee on “Aging in Place” sponsored a special presentation by Bill Vaughn on “Medicare 101”. His presentation on the basic facts of health insurance focused on choices, costs of failing to make the proper choice, and ways to realize the best deal for the health dollar. The meeting was well attended.

A “meet the candidates” night was held on October 8th involving candidates for Braddock District Supervisor and the Braddock member of the school board.

A community shred event will be held on October 24th at the Braddock District Government Center at the intersection of Rolling and Burke Lake Roads.

The BDC’s next meeting will be on November 11th which will include planning for the annual Christmas “Taste of Braddock” which will be held on December 9th.

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) Report to the Federation October 2015 (Katherine Ward)

The MVCCA is planning on hosting an educational forum regarding the proposed zoning ordinances changes and how current Comprehensive Plan language and other ordinances relate to these changes.

We are expecting to host this event for our members at our Nov. General Council Membership meeting. The forum will be open to MVCCA committee members as well. The invited guest speakers/panelists are our Planning Commissioner, County staff, a member who is a land use attorney and the Planning Commissioner at Large who lives in the MV District.

We will extend an invitation to the newly elected MV District Supervisor as well so that person can hear what the MV citizens have to say.

Our committees are also reviewing several new development applications or pre-application presentations for a luxury apartment complex near the Huntington Metro, a modern luxury personal storage facility (the trend is to design them to look like modern luxury office or apartment buildings so they blend into the surrounding areas.

The Environmental Committee is reviewing and making recommendations to the Mount Vernon County Club regarding their request for a SEA in order to dredge their golf course.

The Public Safety committee received a presentation on how bystanders can adequately and appropriately aid an injured person if they come across an accident.