Membership Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017

The November Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on November 16, 2017, by First Vice President Ed Wyse at 7:35 p.m. at Mason Governmental Center, Annandale. President Tim Thompson arrived shortly thereafter.

Fire & Rescue and Police Departments’ Sponsored Explorer Posts

Patrick Smaldore, Co-chair, Public Safety Committee, introduced the presenters who explained the county-sponsored Explorer programs. Exploring is a nationwide program of career exploration for youth ages 14-20 in twelve career fields. Fairfax County sponsors four posts in the career fields of Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement. Reporting tonight were:

- Captain Michael Wall—Police Department Explorer Posts 1742, 2252, and 505 | [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/getinvolved/explorers.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/getinvolved/explorers.htm)

The presentation slides will be posted to the Fairfax Federation’s website: [http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/publicsafety1.htm](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/publicsafety1.htm) (pending).

In addition to Lt Munt and Captain Wall, also attending were Detective PFC Veva Wallace, Lead Advisor to Post 2252; School Resource Officer PFC Kevin Horan, Lead Advisor for Post 1742; and three Explorers:

- From FCPD Explorer Post 2252: Explorer Sergeant Madeline Ward
- From FCPD Explorer Post 505: Explorer Captain Thomas Rey & Explorer Second Lieutenant Sam White.

Following the presentation, Pat Smaldore presented each of our visitors with a Federation 75th anniversary mug.

Minutes: The minutes of the October membership meeting were approved.

President’s Report:

- Tim is meeting with individual legislators to stress the Federation’s Legislative Issues.
Committee chairs will be tracking the legislative issues, for which each committee is aligned, to determine—once legislative bills are introduced—which bills by number are relevant to our issues. This information will greatly enhance our ability to communicate our interests with our legislators.

Old Business:

Short-term Lodging Regulation: At the October membership meeting, an action item was for Tim Thompson (President), Mike Rioux (President, Mason Hill Citizens Association), and Don Hinman (Chair, Citizen Association Services Committee) to write a resolution regarding a Federation position on short-term lodging regulations. A participant asked about the status of that action. Mike said he had sent a draft to Don. Tim will follow-up with Don.

New Business:

Roy Pepper of Robin Glen Homeowners Association asked for advice on two issues. He explained that his association is small, with limited responsibilities and budget.

- What to do about delinquent owners? About 10% of their home owners don’t pay their annual assessment, which is only $300, and don’t respond to communications. State law limits penalties. The only option is to apply a property lien, which is costly and has no effect on some homeowners who are not planning to sell in the foreseeable future. Jeff Parnes opined that his HOA applies a lien once after the second year of nonpayment and then takes no additional effort or expense.

- What to do about a bylaws provision that requires an annual audit by a certified public accountant? This is an expensive proposition for small association and has not been done for years. One option would be to change bylaws, but this is difficult to accomplish.

We shall refer both questions to Don Hinman, Chair, Citizen Association Services, for his assessment.

District Council Report:

Sully: (1) Six of eight candidates for House of Delegates seats attended the October 25th forum that Sully District Council co-sponsored. (2) On November 15th Sully D.C. leaders met with county representatives to plan a future public safety presentation for the Sully D.C.

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2018 | 7:30 p.m. | Mason Governmental Center (Large Conference Room)

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Secretary Pro-Tem