

Board Meeting Minutes

7:30 pm, Thursday, February 20, 2020

Dunn Loring Center

Approved 19 March 2020

Call to Order/Welcome – President

Meeting Minutes – Recording Secretary: Approve January Board Minutes. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

Administrative Topics –

President – 3-Speakers will attend for Budget presentations next week.

Need to order 80 years mugs; Need Recording Secretary; Elections next week.

1st VP (Acting) – Matt Dunne suggested that we re-write the articles of incorporation.

But Bill thinks that we should revise the Bylaws.

2nd VP – Pete suggested we revise the Bylaws.

Recording Secretary – (vacant)

Treasurer – Financial report (see Attachment 2)

Old Business –

Legislative Package status – Committee Chairs

City/county tax equalization: Tending to be favorable passage in both houses.

Plastic bags tax: On the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) call on Friday their legislative director indicated that even though bills were passed in both houses it could still die because of areas that want to be excluded.

Equal rights amendment: passed both houses.

Redistricting: Senate on board, some Delegates are trying to delay. On the Friday LCV call the issue was that the House passed a bill that did not require a constitutional amendment while the Senate bill did. The Senate Committee will be vote on Tuesday on the House bill if it goes down then the House will have to vote for the constitutional amendment bill.

Meals/cigarette taxation: Different versions, will probably have to go to conference,

Library policy of the Commonwealth: Kathy Kaplan was very happy that HB404 had passed both houses.

Hands free driving: Passed. There was considerable discussion that just because the hands free driving ban has passed it does not mean that it will solve the problem with distracted driving, and could actually make it worse if people look over to a phone next to them while they are driving.

Taxing Authority: There were a number of changes to the taxing authorities of Counties including, Admissions tax authority, meals tax increases that do not require a referendum.

COY Events status – Matt has set up an RSVPIFY web site. The COY is on Friday, May 1 at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. Break even = 80 people. Need someone to contact Filler-Corn to introduce the COY. Matt has reached out but hasn't heard back (she's been busy in Richmond). The consensus of the Board was that there isn't a problem engraving the awards with the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association logo.

AI – Bill Barfield and/or John Ribble will contact Jerry Connolly.

Other from the floor – “Join the Federation and see how real change happens” - Alex

New Business – Other from the floor

Changing the Articles of Incorporation: Matt proposed revising the membership to include a more general definition so that it could include organizations of renters and businesses as non-voting members. Matt also proposed changing the name of the organization. The changes will need to be approved by the Board and the Membership.

AI – Matt will send it out his proposals for changing the Articles of Incorporation to the Board for review.

District Council Reports – (brief oral presentation or written attachment)

Providence: Affordable housing meeting on February 12th. The speakers were Gerald Poje, Chair of the Fairfax County Housing Advisory Committee, Ken McMillon who serves on the Committee, and Benjamin Boxer, Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development. Ken in particular was an excellent speaker with compelling life story that will go a long way to dispelling myths about homeless people. I strongly suggest them all as speakers for a future Federation meeting. The next PDC meeting will be March 11, topic to be determined. There will be a special meeting on March 25th to discuss the County and School Budgets. All meetings will be at the Providence Government Center.

Braddock: Overview of the School budget.

Sully: Concern about Dulles landing and arrivals approaches. County approved an increase in the acceptable noise levels. One residential development was going to be directly below the approaches. Article in the Connection. Jeff is going to oppose the approval for the development.

Mount Vernon: The South County Site Specific Contingency planning process is starting. There are 5 members of the MVCCA are on the Task Force.

Committee Reports – (brief oral presentation or written attachment)

Environment: Intensely Developed Areas (IDAs) issue is being discussed internally.

The Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) meetings have started. Ana attended the first meeting on January 24th and thinks that she will be able to attend all the rest of them but I plan to attend them as well. ICF is running the discussion. Flint is looking at Resiliency Planning process. There is a Fairfax County Disaster Support Network and Community Resiliency Group and it would make a good topic for a future Federation meeting.

Education: Joint Environmental Task force Looking at climate change. There was a lengthy discussion of the issue at the most recent FCPC Board meeting.

Transportation: The Blue/Orange/Silver line optimization task force is looking at several options including crossing over to International Harbor and looking extending the blue line to Prince William County. Fairfax County Department of Transportation has split the county into 5 nodes. The first node is the Reston-Herndon node. Fairfax Connector can now go into Loudon to go to the community college.

Web site: If you want something posted on the web site be sure to say "Please Post" at the top of the message sent to Webmaster Jeff.

Next Meetings

Membership meeting:

February 27 – School & County Budget presentations, 7:30 pm, Providence Community Center

March 26 – FCFCA Budget Resolution vote, 7:30 PM, Providence Community Center

Board Meeting: January 23, Dunn Loring Center

Attachments:

Attachment 1. Board Attendees, 20 February 2020

Board Member (as of Jun 2019)	Present	District Council Rep.	Committee or Support Position	Elected Position
Bill Barfield	X		Legislation	President
			Environment	
John Birch				Recording Secretary
Leslie Braun			Finance	Treasurer
Karen Campblin			Land Use, Transportation	
			Land Use	
Matt Dunne	X		Membership	
David Edelman			Budget	
Jennifer Abdelmalek		Mason		
Gabe Goldberg	X		Public Safety	
Dennis Hays			Library	
Don Hinman			Citizen Association Services	
Kathy Kaplan			Library	
Alejandro Mattiuzzo			Finance	
Catherine Mortensen			Human Services	
Jeff Parnes	X	Sully	Transportation, Resolutions, Webmaster	
Mike Perel	X	Braddock	Human Services	
John Pinkman				
Ed Saperstein	X		Education, Finance	
Sue Shuman			Citizen Association Services	
Dean Sherick			Public Safety	
Pete Sitnik	X			2 nd Vice President
Patrick Smaldore	X		Public Safety	
Tim Thompson			Budget, Legislation, COY, Nominating	Past President
Nancy Trainer			Education, Nominating	
Alex Vassalotti	X		Land Use, Environment	
Katherine Ward		Mt. Vernon		
Flint Webb	X	Providence	Environment	
Erika Yalowitz		Providence		Correspond. Secretary
(vacant)		Springfield		
(vacant)		Lee		
John Ribble		Mt. Vernon		

Attachment 2. Treasurer Report, summary

Current Balance is \$12,042.25 which includes the following activity thru 2/29/2020.

1. Salona Village Citizens association membership fee \$20
2. 2/13- Ck #707 - \$435.09 to reimburse Matt Dunne for COY invitations
3. COY payments that are being directed deposited into BBT:
 - \$670.07 on 2/14 - 12 people, 11 @\$55 and 1 @\$65 (Matt)
 - \$ 110.01 on 2/18 - 2 people
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 - \$110.02 on 2/20 - 2 people
 - \$55.01 on 2/24 - 1 person
 - \$220.03 on 2/26 - 4 people
 - (Not sure where the deposited pennies are coming from.)
4. 2/14 - Ck # 708 - \$500 to the Springfield Golf and Country Club (COY deposit)
5. 2/12 - Ck #709 - \$424.94 - reimbursement COY awards and graving.
(Does not include Ck #710 reimbursement \$60.43 for additional engraving/awards.)