

Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm, Thursday, February 15, 2024

Join FED BOARD Zoom Meeting TONIGHT

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Call to Order/Welcome – 7:05 by Sridhar Ganesan, President. Quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes – January Board meeting minutes not available. Bill to have available these minutes for the March Board meeting approval. Bill conducting recording of meeting and assembly of all submitted reports.

Administrative Topics –

- Treasurer – Financial report – no new dues this month, 3 membership dues received from few last months; Attachment 2 shows full financial report with current balance of \$7,093.20.

Old Business –

1. Update on plan and process for integration of two Federation websites –
 - Jeff Parnes (web master FCFCA.org) and Charlotte Hannagan (webmaster FairfaxFederation.org) have exchanged administer access info; also see Attachment 3 for photo of the January 27 Website Committee meeting notes.
2. Bylaws amendment schedule – Bill Barfield, Sridhar Ganesan
 - Make meeting for this weekend 17 or 18 Feb or soonest.
3. Officer Recruitment – Bill Barfield, Chair, Nomination Committee
 - Open board positions as shown in attendance list Attachment 1.
 - Officer recruitment for elections was discussed.
 - Marty requests info on Federation elected positions and Committee chairs.
 - Our various current community organizations are requested to suggest names for open Board positions and for candidate elected positions.

New Business –

1. Budget Committee – David Edelman, Chair: the proposed FCPS and Fairfax County budget and David's report was shown (Attachment 4) and discussed by Lewis, Marty, Tim, David and various aspects of the proposed county budget.

2. David announced that Phil Hagen, Director, Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget will speak at February 22 membership meeting.

District Council Reports – (send soft copy to Recording Secretary)

Committee & Appointee Reports – (send soft copy to Recording Secretary)

- Environment Committee –
 - Bill discussed Net Metering (Federation Legislative Issue 18C01 Support Net Metering for Renewable Energy in Virginia) and the installation of solar on his property under the financial “deal” that Dominion Power is using to encourage solar power installation (Net Metering) on select core homes in neighborhood grids. Bill noted that not every home in any community would be eligible to participate in this Net Metering business deal. Dominion’s business approach, with its attempt to comply with EPA requirements to reduce and eliminate pollutant emissions from coal and gas power stations, indicated that too many private homes generating Net Metered power back into their grid would adversely affect their profits.
 - Tim discussed Washington Gas transport pipe long a Route 7 highway THRU Pimmit Hills neighborhood that is in a court case in Arlington; no environment study performed but Army Corp engineers involved; construction already started before court decision; HOA asks for Federation support; MCA has supported this HOA with a letter to Washington Gas. Sridhar suggested that Tim write the letter of support to be voted on February 22 in Membership meeting. Lewis notes this is interstate transport of public utility resources so records of pipeline right-of-way easements should be available.
- Public Safety Committee –
 - Patrick: See Attachment 5 regarding a worker-favorable Bargaining Agreement.
- Transportation Committee –
 - Jeff: Federation could write a position on proposed sports arena in Arlington;
 - Tim: Movement on ordinances regarding bicycle storage locations throughout Fairfax, including various traffic management
- Education Committee - none
- Human Services Committee - none
- Budget Committee – see Attachment 4
- Membership Committee – Sridhar and Tim to coordinate a meeting.
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- ITPAC Report – John Hanks, Federation appointee to the County Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee, submitted his semi-annual report (Attachment 6) and noted that his tenure needs renewal or a new rep appointed. This report was submitted in time but wasn’t introduced for discussion.

Next Meetings –

Membership meeting: February 22, 2024 – Virtual
Topic – FCPS and Fairfax County 2025 budgets
Speakers –
- Fairfax - Phil Hagen, Director, Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget
- FCPS - To be announced

Board Meeting: March 21, 2024 - virtual

Adjourn: 8:41 PM

Recorded By: Bill Barfield, Past President

Attachment(s):

1. Board Meeting Attendees Roster
2. Financial Report
3. Website Committee meeting notes
4. Budget Committee Report
5. Public Safety Committee Report
6. ITPAC Representative Report

Attachment 1 - Board Meeting Attendees Roster

Board Member	Present	District Council Rep.	Committee or Support Position	Elected Position
(vacant)		Lee		
(vacant)		Providence		
(vacant)			Citizen Association Services	
(vacant)			Finance	
(vacant)			Land Use	
(vacant)			Membership	
(vacant)			Environment	
Alejandro Mattiuzzo			Audit	
Alex Vassalotti			Environment	
Anmarie Swope			Education, SBAAP Adv Cmty	
Bill Barfield	X		Legislation, COY, Nominations, By-Laws	Past President
Cary Campbell			Transportation	Recording Secretary
Catherine Mortensen			Audit	
Charlotte Hannagan			Webmaster	
David Edelman	X		Budget	
Dennis Hays			Library	
Doug Birnie	X		Human Services	
Gabe Goldberg	X		Public Safety	
Jeff Parnes	X		Transportation, Webmaster, Resolutions	Treasurer, Past President
Jim Kirkpatrick		Springfield		
John Jennison			Representative to SCC	Past President
Katherine Ward			By-Laws	
Kathy Kaplan			Library	
Larry Green				2 nd Vice President
Lewis Grimm	X	Sully		
Marty Sanchez-Lowery	X	Mt. Vernon		
Mike Crawford	X	Mason		
Mike Perel		Braddock	Human Services, Nominating	
Morgan Jameson			CAAB Liaison	Correspond. Secretary
Nancy Trainer	X		Education, Nominating	
Patrick Smaldore	X		Public Safety, Nominating	
Sridhar Ganesan	X		By-Laws	President
Tim Thompson	X		Budget, Legislation, By-Laws	1 st Vice President, Past President

Attachment 2: Financial Report, Jeff Parnes, Treasurer

The report contains three pages:

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- Balance Sheet (Liabilities & Equity)
- Transactions (Listed by Date)
- Membership Report

Our closing balance for January is \$7,093.20

We have 9 member organizations that have paid their dues for 2023-2024.

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

	<u>Feb 15, 24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T Act # 5234331304 (Checking)	7,093.20
Total Checking/Savings	<u>7,093.20</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>7,093.20</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>7,093.20</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
1110 · Retained Earnings	5,473.50
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	1,704.98
Net Income	<u>-85.28</u>
Total Equity	<u>7,093.20</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>7,093.20</u></u>

TRANSACTIONS

Jul 1, '23 - Feb 15, 24

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Bill	2023-07-21		U.S. Postal Service	Yearly PO Box 3913 Renewal	-176.00
Deposit	2023-07-31		Interest	July Interest	0.06
Deposit	2023-07-31	269	Ravenwood Park Citizens Association	Dues for 2023-2024	40.00
Deposit	2023-08-31		Interest	August Interest	0.06
Bill Pmt - Check	2023-09-12	735	U.S. Postal Service	Yearly PO Box 3913 Renewal	-176.00
Check	2023-09-21	742	Jennison, John	annual SCC registration fee (2023)	-25.00
Deposit	2023-09-29		Interest	September Interest	0.06

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Deposit	2023-10-19	2038	North Springfield Civic Association	Dues for 2023-2024	60.00
Deposit	2023-10-31		Interest	October 2023	0.06
Deposit	2023-11-30		Interest	November 2023	0.06
Deposit	2023-12-21	1741	Sue Shuman	For Mantua Citizens' Association Dues for 2023-2024	40.00
Deposit	2023-12-21	147	Sully District Council	For Chantilly Highlands Homes Association Dues for 2023-2024	40.00
Deposit	2023-12-28	1198	Reston Citizens Association	Dues for 2023-2024	60.00
Deposit	2023-12-28	1303	Stone Haven Civic Association	Dues for 2023-2024	40.00
Deposit	2023-12-28	1138	John Krampien	For Hayfield Citizens Associations Dues for 2023-2024	40.00
Deposit	2023-12-29		Interest	December 2023	0.06
Check	2024-01-17	744	Parnes, Jeffrey M	Reimbursement for Dec 23 Board Dinner/Website Hosting	-324.64
Deposit	2024-01-23	114	Holmes Run Acres Civic Association	Dues for 2023-2024	40.00
Deposit	2024-01-23	975305	Hayfield Citizens Association	Dues for 2023-2024	40.00
Deposit	2024-01-23	2661	Nancy Trainer	For Potomac Hills Citizens Associations membership 2023-24	40.00
Deposit	2024-01-31		Interest	January 2024	0.06

MEMBERSHIP

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
4090 - Membership Dues				
2023-07-31	269	Ravenwood Park Citizens Association	2023 Dues	40.00
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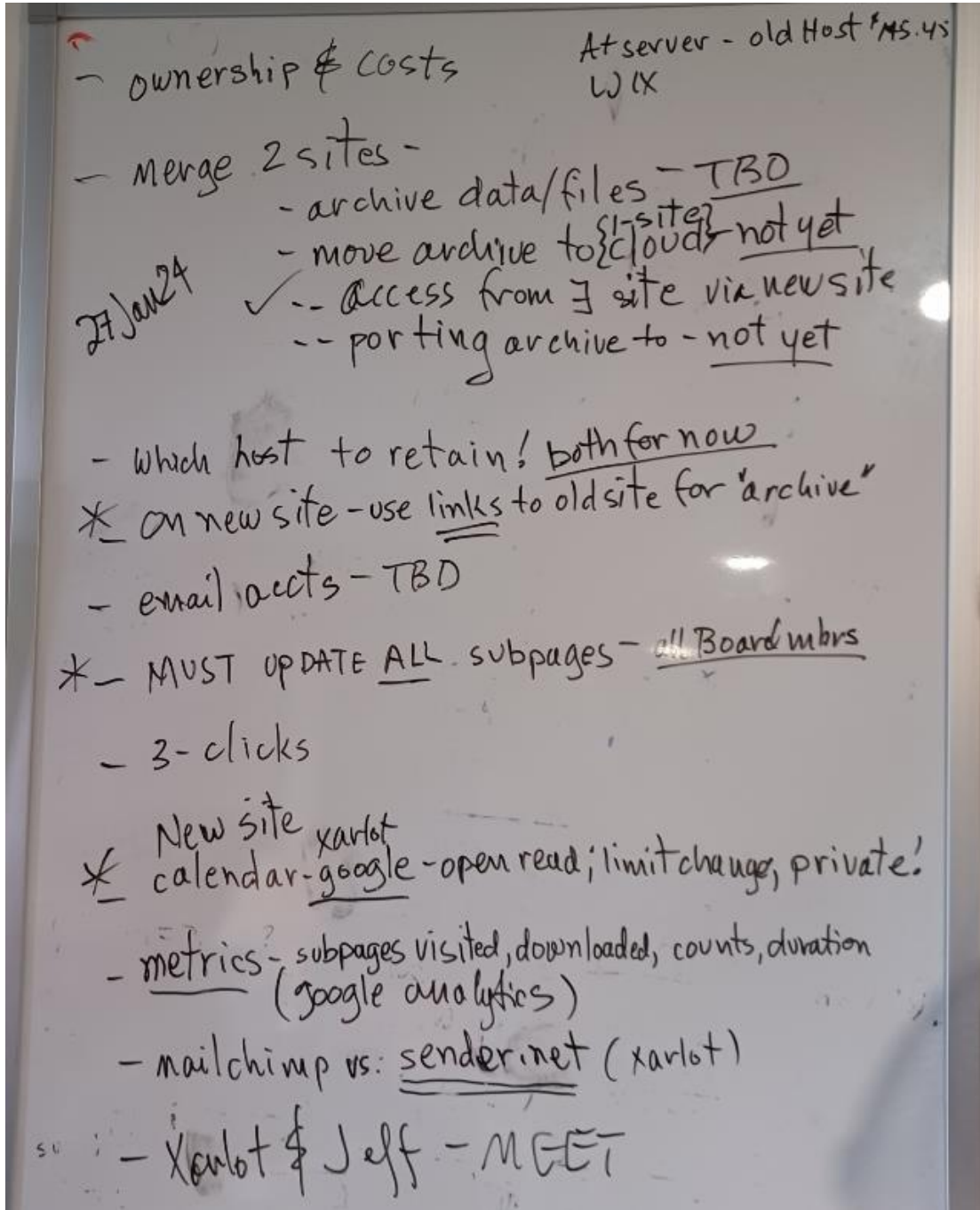
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2024-01-23	2661	Nancy Trainer	For Potomac Hills Citizens Associations membership 2023-24	40.00
Total 4090 · Membership Dues				440.00

Attachment 3: Website Committee 27Jan2024 meeting notes

Meeting members present were Bill Barfield, Charlotte Hannigan, Jeff Parnes, and Sridhar Ganasen. Photo below is of the whiteboard meeting notes. 3 clicks refers to the objective of a user being to access any website data within 3 mouse clicks.



Attachment 4: Budget Committee Report February 14, 2024, David Edelman, Co-Chair

County Executive Bryan Hill will present his FY2025 Advertised Budget between 10:00 am and 11:00 am on Tuesday, February 20th. It is a regular Board meeting and after presentations, the order of business is the budget presentation.

The FY 2025 Advertised Budget was presented during the Fairfax County School Board's regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 8. The Proposed Budget totals \$3.8 billion, an increase of \$301.8 million, or 8.6%, over the FY 2024 Approved Budget. And, the county transfer request is an increase of \$254.0 million, or 10.5%, over the FY24 approved county transfer.

<https://www.fcps.edu/budget/budget-documents>

While the school system is requesting a 10.5% increase; County Executive Bryan Hill has asked all other government agencies to find 7% REDUCTIONS in expenditures. While we do not know what is in his budget next week, he is certainly telegraphing a negative economic outlook by his actions.

County revenue growth is projected at 1.9% in FY 2025 (down from 3.6% projected for the close of FY 2024) resulting in an additional \$152.3 million in revenue over FY 2024. School's revenue is anticipated to increase by \$66.1 million in FY 2025. This increase is not enough to offset the increase in required expenditures, resulting in a projected shortfall of \$284.5 million.

As you can see the county is forecasting a shortfall and the schools are asking for an increase; at odds with the forecast.

You can look at the Budget Forecast on this website:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/fy-2025-budget-forecast-presented-supervisors-school-board>

Federation Budget Resolution Schedule:

- February 22nd General Membership Meeting with presentation from County & Schools.
- March 9th 10:00 am [location TBA] – Budget Committee meeting to draft resolution. All submission due by Midnight March 8th. It is not necessary to attend the meeting, but you must meet submission deadline.
- March 15th Board Meeting – Review and Vote on Resolution
- March 22nd General Membership – Vote on Resolution

FY 2025 BUDGET CALENDAR FY 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET 17 FY 2025 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR*

- February 8, 2024 Superintendent Releases the FY 2025 Proposed Budget
- February 13 School Board Conducts Budget Work Session

- February 13 School Board Holds Public Hearings on the Budget (February 20 if needed)
- February 20 School Board Conducts Budget Work Session
- February 20 Fairfax County Executive Releases Advertised Budget
- February 22 School Board Adopts Advertised Budget
- February 27 Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors to Discuss Budget and Tax Rates
- March 5 Board of Supervisors Advertises Tax Rate April 9 School Board Conducts Budget Work Session
- April 16-18 Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Holds Public Hearings on Budget
- April 26 Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Budget Pre-Markup
- April 30 Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Budget Markup, Determine Budget Package, and Tax Rates
- May 7 County Board of Supervisors Adopts Budget, Tax Rates, and Transfer to FCPS
- May 9 Approved Budget Presented to School Board
- May 14 School Board Holds Public Hearings on the Budget
- May 23 School Board Adopts Approved Budget
- July 1 FY 2025 Begins

Attachment 5: Public Safety Committee Report, Patrick Smaldore, Chair

HB 209 Organized Retail Theft; repeals crime and Organized Retail Crime Fund, sponsored by Delegate Marty Martinez DeIMMartinez@house.virginia.gov

- HB209 repeals the crime of organized retail theft and the Organized Retail Crime Fund
- HB209 was abled and referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Attached is the Fairfax County Collective Bargaining Agreement, which is considered the Best for all of Virginia sworn uniformed employees:



FFX-SSPBA -- CBA as
of 10.26.2023 (clean)

Attachment 6: Semi-annual report from John Hanks, Federation representative to the Fairfax County Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee (ITPAC)

January 18, 2024 ITPAC Meeting Review

This was one of our two scheduled 'Virtual Meetings' per years. As such we needed to go through the process to make sure everyone was heard and a quorum was present (it was). The information on how the public could join was provided.

ITPAC MATTERS

Minutes from November Meeting were approved as provided.

Membership Updates – We still have a vacant position from Fairfax County Public Schools. Also, my 3 year term is up in as of December but I can serve until re-appointed or a new appointee is designated.

As this was the first meeting of the year, elections were held for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Edward Blum was re-elected as Chair and Katharyn Walsh as Vice-Chair.

DISCUSSION

The 'Issue of the Day' segment had two segments. First there was a question and discussion about if the County was ready for the three elections this year. From an IT perspective, the County feels it is in a good position even though the State has not certified new equipment, yet for the Fall.

There was again more talk about AI and how the County may use it and, in particular, how it might be used in the classroom. Greg Scott as a meeting next week with the County Executive to discuss the progress on acceptable use by the County. The feelings were that the Schools (and teachers) are not in a good position to deal with AI at this point but that may be helped once he County has a defined policy.

PRESENTATIONS

The first presentation today was on the new tax system called TABS World which was developed 'in-house' by DIT. The previous Tac System has been in use since he 1980s and was out of date. I first try to update it was done on 2021 that went badly. A second attempt was made in 2022 and it also did not do well.

The Tax Team hired a consultant and did a deep dive into the issues from the two failed to see why that was. They discovered many items that were not properly address in their modules and fixed those. The third attempt in 2023 was successful.

The second presentation was on the Web Architecture Modernization. The previous Web Architecture was based upon Microsoft systems due to the Counties Windows focus at the time. The new systems have followed others in moving to Linux based systems, mostly in the cloud, to provide a more robust server environment. This now provided flexibility and redundancy that was not available before.

A brief conversation on the Letter to the Board' was held. With the letter due March 12th, we will need to work cooperatively then do a final review on the 7th. The next scheduled meeting is in person on March 7th.