

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Board Meeting of September 16, 2004
MINUTES

The meeting of the FCFCA board was held at the Packard Center at 7:30 p.m. (Attendance list is attached.)

Business Meeting

- a. President Carol Hawn reported that a list of Federation appointees was being prepared and that all but one position was filled. In addition, Tony Griffin is planning a regional planning group on gangs and it's possible a Federation representative will be needed.
- b. Minutes of the July 22 Board meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- c. Jeff Parnes reported that no income or expenses had been reported since June, so the current statement was the same as for June.
- d. President Carol Hawn noted that a September newsletter will not be published, due to our designer's recent move to Massachusetts. Instead, a postcard would be sent, with the assistance of John Jennison.
- e. President Carol Hawn reported that notice of the upcoming September membership meeting had also appeared in The Connection.
- f. President Carol Hawn reported that the Supervisors have completed all appointments to the Bond Referendum Committee and that the committee met in full for the first time on September 15. The Federation's representative on the committee is Art Wells.
- g. It was reported that Arlington County (or its Federation equivalent) gives an award for "community of the year." The Board gave some thought to this idea, in addition to the Citizen of the Year award.
- h. The Board discussed speakers and topics for this year. Charles Dane reported that Superintendent Jack Dale will be able to speak at the January membership meeting after all, and that the topic will be school budget targets and his thoughts on management.
- i. President Carol Hawn said that she or Sally Ormsby would e-mail the legislative package to all Board members in advance of the October 28 Board meeting, since it cannot be posted on the Federation web site at this time.
- j. President Carol Hawn asked Esther Ferington to take charge of editing the revised Federation brochure and Jeff Parnes agreed to translate the existing digital file from Publisher to Word.
- k. Jeff Parnes raised several concerns about the web site. It is no longer accessible online. An annual bill was paid at about this time last year, but none has been presented to him so far this year. He also feels that the same service, for which the Federation paid \$280 last year, can be found for significantly less, citing other organizations paying in the range of \$70 to \$180 a year.

His suggestion is to find a new host for the site; upload the back-up of the site (rather than recreating it from scratch) if possible; transfer the domain registration; and institute mailing aliases as detailed in previous minutes (president@fairfaxfederation.org, as an example).

In addition, the procedure followed by the Federation should change so that the web site provider sends its invoice to the treasurer, president, and webmaster, and so that at least two people always have root access to the site. In the event that the current webmaster prefers not to continue, he volunteered to fill in on a temporary basis to get the site back up and to establish the mailing aliases.

l. The Board discussed disseminating the Citizen of the Year nomination forms as widely as possible. Jeff Nolan will supply the PEATC contact information to Carol Hawn and Flint Webb will provide scouting contact information.

m. President Carol Hawn brought up the sole remaining vacancy, for Fairfax 2007, a local part of the state's Virginia 2007 initiative marking the 400th anniversary of Jamestown.

n. Charles Dane presented a draft resolution developed by the Education Committee in favor of the sale of 35 acres of school property in order to finance school construction elsewhere. The Board voted 6 to 2 in favor of the resolution, as amended, with 1 abstention.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, October 28, 2004.

Next Membership Meeting:

Thursday, September 23, 2004 (the fourth Thursday of the month)

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.