

Membership Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

Approved May 18, 2017

The April Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) was called to order on April 20, 2017, by First Vice President Ed Wyse, at 7:37 p.m. at the Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003.

Present:

BOARD:

Officers: Tim Thompson (President/Colvin's Glen-Colvin's Forest Citizens Association), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership/Civic Association of West Springfield Village), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Co-Chair, Legislation) and George Becerra (Recording Secretary).

District Council Representatives: John Birch (Mason/Bel Air Civic Association) and Peter Sitnik (Mount Vernon/Co-Chair, Legislation).

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein (Co-Chair, Budget; Co-Chair, Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association), and Patrick Smaldore (Co-Chair, Public Safety).

MEMBERSHIP:

Members: Rick Kotteman (Groveton, Virginia, Civic Association), Mike Cook (Holmes Run Valley Citizens Association), Greg Doherty (Mason Hill Citizens Association), Suzie Wells (Sleepy Hollow Manor Civic Association), Julie Hirka (Stonewall Manor Community Association), and Ed Alzona (Wellington Civic Association).

Others: None

Invited Guests/Presenters: Bootsie Humensky and Denise Balzano, Co-Founders of Safespot (Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County).

The mission of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County is to provide a child-friendly, culturally sensitive environment that promotes the safety and well-being of child victims of abuse while facilitating a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary team approach to the intervention, investigation, prosecution, and treatment of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse.

Very engaging membership where the presenters took around 40 minutes worth of questions during the presentation.

Safespot will have an Open House Tuesday, May 16th from 8 to 10am at 4031 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 201, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Meeting Minutes: March's Meeting Minutes tabled to April's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Membership Report: See Membership Committee report.

Citizen of the Year Banquet: Jeff Parnes, COY Award Chair, submitted a COY 2016 Financial Report Summary (Attachment 1). The COY Banquet had a small crowd, but great recipients, and it was Jeff's last one as organizer.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. President Thompson talked about the May 18th Officer Elections. Referred people to the Nominating Committee Chair, Tania Hossain, if someone was interested in running for one of the Officer positions.
2. President Thompson will try to have some State Delegates and Senators at our end of year meeting on May 18th.
3. Second VP Barfield gave a recap of the Legislative package and commented on what he thought worked and not worked with our General Assembly delegation in terms of process and timing of our submission to them.
4. President Thompson gave specific examples of the important legislation during General Assembly Session and how the Federation was involved in the hearings portion.
5. The Federation had speakers at the County Budget Public Hearings.

Board & Committee Reports

1. Budget – No report.
2. Citizens Association Services –No report.
3. Education – No report.
4. Environment – No report.
5. Human Services – No report.
6. Land Use – No report.
7. Legislation – No report.
8. Library – No report.
9. Membership – Ed Wyse – Provided membership sign-in sheets and vote cards for the meeting. President Thompson talked about increasing membership and engaging younger members. To sell membership in the Federation through the vacancies we have in the different County Boards and Commissions.
10. Public Safety – Patrick Smaldore – a) Updated the membership on the successful Public Safety Awareness/Emergency Management program held in Vienna on March 22nd. State Delegates Marcus Simon and Kathleen Murphy attended , along with, the Vienna Police b) Updated us on the Covanta Fire
11. Resolutions – No report.
12. Revenue – No report.
13. Transportation – No report.
14. Website – No report.

District Council Reports & Membership – Open Floor

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock – No report.
2. Lee – No report.
3. Mason – John Birch – Held a Town Hall on the Increase of Gang Involvement and Violence in Mason and in Fairfax County
4. Mt. Vernon – Peter Sitnik – Gave report by referring everyone to his District Council's website, where everything is posted.
5. Providence – No report.
6. Sully – No report.
7. Membership – Open Floor – None.

Announcements: None

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Membership Meeting – May 18, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003.

Board Meeting – May 25, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Dunn Loring Center (Room 108).

Minutes prepared by George Becerra, Recording Secretary

COY 2016 Summary

Expenses:		
Invitations		\$414.14
Invitation Postage		\$140.25
Programs		\$200.34
Keepsakes		\$387.30
Banquet		
Dinners (60 meals		
@ ~\$52)	\$3,119.73	
Bar	\$162.98	
Total Banquet		\$3,282.71
Total Expenses:		\$4,424.74
Income:		
Meals purchased (39		
@ \$65)	\$2,535.00	
Donations	\$540.00	
Total Income:		\$3,075.00
Final Tally		-\$1,349.74
Banquet attendees =	55	
Donations =	2	

**We guaranteed eighty when we reserved the room but
the week before we lowed the guarantee down to 60**