Agenda for April 6, 2010

7:30 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States Of America
   Approve agenda and time organization rules
   Officer reports
   Civic Federation member delegate announcements, comments, and questions

7:40 Elect Nominating Committee

According to the bylaws of the Civic Federation a Nominating Committee of five member delegates will be elected at the April 6, 2010, general meeting. It will be the duty of this committee to nominate at least one candidate for each office and at least five members to serve on the Executive Committee. The nominees for office and for the Executive Committee will be Civic Federation delegates or alternate delegates. The Nominating Committee will submit its report in writing to all the member delegates through the newsletter, or by other appropriate means, and will report at the June 1, 2010, general meeting, where member delegates will elect officers and members of the Executive Committee.

7:50 Member delegate consideration of Budget and Tax Rate program special rule

Civic Federation member delegates will hear reports from the Revenues and Expenditures Committee and Schools Committee about their studies of the budgets proposed by the Acting County Manager and Superintendent. The reports will be combined for discussion and consideration by Civic Federation member delegates. Following past precedent and due to the complexity and length of the budget proposals, the combined report will not be subject to motions to amend and after discussion will be put to Civic Federation member delegates for an up or down vote to adopt the report as a Civic Federation resolution. Additionally, the Revenues and Expenditures Committee may provide separate items for member delegate discussion and vote.

8:00 Budget and Tax Rate program [link]

- 25 Minutes - Reports from the Revenues and Expenditures and Schools committees
- 75 Minutes - Member delegate discussion and vote to adopt the combined committee reports plus separate items as a Civic Federation resolution. The separate items are to restore funding for the proposed reductions of one of the two heavy rescue units in the Fire Department and a 50% reduction in District Team (often referred to as community policing) staffing in the Police Department. The order of voting will be the Fire Department item, the Police Department item, and then the combined report.

9:40 Unfinished Business (no motions are up for consideration)

9:45 New Business (introduction of motions to be considered May 4, 2010)

9:50 Adjourn (next meeting is May 4th - Housing and Code Enforcement program)
Treasurer’s Report for March 30, 2010 – Eileen Williams:

Checking Account

Bank Balance on February 24, 2010 $10,001.35

Income

Dues $50.00
Donations $90.00
Banquet tickets $1,470.00
$1,610.00 $11,611.35

Expenses

Randy Swart (computer services) $68.36
Welsh Printing (banquet invitations and envelopes) $224.96
Welsh Printing (banquet programs) $65.10
Mileva Hartman (banquet mailing) $299.03
$709.98

Balance on March 30, 2010 $10,901.37

Savings Account

Balance on January 11, 2010 $854.94
Balance on February 24, 2010 $854.94

Secretary’s Report - (March 2, 2010, general meeting minutes)

The meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Mike Kerley, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Olivere from Glencarlyn Civic Association. Opening the meeting, the agenda was approved as submitted; minutes for the February 2, 2010, membership meeting were distributed and approved as submitted; and treasurer’s report was approved.

Mileva Hartman, Chair, Membership Committee, presented two organizations for membership: Penrose Neighborhood Association renewing membership and Buyers and Renters Arlington Voice (BRAVO). Both were approved by voice vote at the required 2/3 majority.

The Arlington County School Board appeared as a panel: Sally Baird, Board Chair; Libby Garvey, Board Vice-Chair; James Lander, Board Member; Abby Raphael, Board Member; Emma Violand-Sanchez, Board Member. After opening remarks (presentation appears at www.civfed.org/presapsboard10-03.pdf) by the Board Chair, the Board members entertained questions prepared by the Civic Federation’s Schools Committee. Questions from member delegates concluded the program after a 10 minute extension.

There was no unfinished business. In new business, the proposed budget changes in County police staffing were referred to the Public Services Committee for consideration and possible presentation at the March 14 Revenues and Expenditures Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. until the next membership meeting on April 6, 2010.

Submitted:

Sharon J. Rogers
Secretary