Minutes - December 5, 2000

1. The President called the meeting to order just after 7:30PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Approved unanimously except for one nay.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2000 Meeting: Approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's written report, dated December 5, 2000, shows that 63 of the 74 member organizations have paid their 2000/2001 dues. The report also shows the combined Checking and Savings account balance was $4,252.76, with an additional balance of $20.91 available in the U.S. Postal Service bulk mail account.

5. Special Recognition. Captains Thomas and Lynn Hoffman of the Arlington County Police Department were recognized.

6. President's Report. The president noted: 1) a meeting of the new Finance Committee on December 6; 2) a meeting of the Public Service Committee on Sunday, December 10; and 3) a meeting of the Parks Committee which he attended.

7. Committee Reports: Patrick Smaldore reported on the executive committee meeting, and Dan Krasnegore reported on the status of the annual banquet.

8. Selection of Awards Committee. Dave Foster, Randy Swart, Wayne Kubicki, Mike Lane, and Tim Wise were selected as the Awards Committee.

9. Program: School Board members and the Superintendent followed a structure provided by the Schools Committee, and discussed several topics, including school governance, the strategic plan, and annual priorities. This was followed by a session to answer delegates' questions. Questions involved planning factors, book lists at the Central Library, the new budget committee, boundary changes, technology, and the school budget. Dick Bridges, Assistant County Manager, Ed Fendley, and Judy Collins made a presentation on a proposed county snow removal policy. The presentation was followed by a Federation resolution on Arlington's snow and ice policy. The resolution passed unanimously after a debate on the second "therefore" of the resolution (motion to delete was defeated). The third element of the program involved a resolution brought forward by the Federation's housing committee, and involved the recommendations of the recent county task force on affordable housing. The co-chairs who had been members of the county task force briefed delegates on the report and its recommendations, including county staff's review of the recommendation. This was followed by their presentation of the resolution, which passed unanimously.

10. New Business. There was no new business.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:07 p.m.

Recorded by Timothy Wise, Secretary