Minutes
Arlington County Civic Federation
John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital
April 1, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Bill Nolden

1. Agenda was approved as presented.
2. Minutes of the March 4, 1997, meeting were approved as presented.
3. Treasurer's Report (by Treasurer Ed McWethy): Current balance is $1,729.51.
4. Executive Committee Report (by Exec. Comm. Chairman Frances Finta): Business at the Committee's March meeting was reported (full report is on file with Secretary's records). Next meeting of the Committee: April 17, 1997.
5. Membership Committee Report (by Membership Committee Chairman Frances Finta): **MOTION: To accept the application for membership into the Federation of the Arlington Coalition of Police (ACOP). PASSED (by unanimous voice vote) (ACOP Executive Director Chris Strope was presented to delegates.)

6. Announcements
   • (by Bettie Keiger, North Highlands delegate): Volunteers are needed for the Meal on Wheels program. Telephone 522-0811.
   • (by Andrew Keyes, A-SPAN): An informational handout on Arlington Street People's Assistance Network is available to delegates.
   • (by Bill Nolden, President): The Federation's Annual Banquet will be held April 26 at the Koran Room of the Fort Myer Officers Club. Tickets are $32.50 each, and invitations will be received by delegates shortly. Francine Zorn Tractenberg, Vice President for Educational Outreach for WETA, will be a feature speaker.

7. Program I: "Neighborhood Day"
   Guests Sandy Sweitzer and Sally Michael provided information on Arlington's first "Neighborhood Day," which is being planned for September 27, 1997. This "ambitious project" will involve neighborhoods as well as local businesses and government agencies in a "neighbor to neighbor" event designed to enhance community spirit. A public meeting on the event is scheduled April 24, 7:30 p.m. in the County Board Room.

Program II: Arlington County Fire Department
Stanley Schachne, Co-Chairman of the ACCF Public Affairs Committee, introduced George Lyon, Assistant Fire Chief of the ACFD, who presented an overview of the County's Fire Department. Information provided included: 1) requests for emergency medical services have had a 25% increase in the past 3 years (21,000 incidents in 1996); 2) ACFD plans an increase to 60 fire fighters trained for EMS with advance life support capabilities; 3) 10 fire stations provide coverage for 28 square miles in Arlington and Falls Church; 4) renovations are under way and ongoing to upgrade the stations with community rooms and suitable facilities for female firefighters-are somewhat outdated, and it may take 7-8 years to have all stations the way they want them; 5) all trucks have a minimum of three firefighters, but four per truck is the goal; two trucks always respond to every call, which puts 6 fighters at every scene; OSHA requires 4 firefighters on the scene of a structure fire before anyone may enter the structure; 6) high-rise...
operations depend on built-in standpipe systems, alarm systems, etc.; ACFD currently hoping to hire one new position to witness testing of these systems and to follow-up on compliances, etc.; 7) "Operation Life Safety" is in effect -- a drive for effective, working smoke detectors in every residence (phone 358-4646 for help with installation and servicing of smoker detectors); all detectors more than 10 years old should be replaced!

In the question/answer period, subjects covered included hard-wire smoke detectors; length of longest aerial ladder (105' -- up to approximately the 8th floor of a high rise); plans for "total disaster" situation; retirement system; and hydrant colors.

**Program III: 1998 Draft Plan for Planning, Housing and Development.**

County Staff members Reggie Nixon, Fran Lunney and Wayne Rhodes provided information on the draft plan, an action plan describing the proposed allocations of FY 1998 federal funding to meet the five major goals identified in the Three-Year Consolidated Plan for 1996-98. The goals address affordable housing, homelessness, community development, citizen participation and institutional structure. Almost $4 million in federal funds will come to the County in 1998. (Handouts provided by guests are included in Secretary's records.)

8. With no additional business, the **meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.**

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Tommye Morton, Secretary

Date Approved: __________________________