



## Minutes – April 7, 2015 ACCF Membership Meeting

President Michael McMenamin called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hazel Auditorium. He led the Pledge of Allegiance, approval of the agenda and approval of the minutes of the previous membership meeting. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$22,735. The Executive Committee will meet on April 12, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work and plan future meeting programs.

### **Budget Program**

The Schools Committee presented its information report on the Arlington Public Schools \$450 million budget. Schools is requesting \$10.6 million in addition. Costs are rising, driven by rising enrollment, with no new programs this year. There are questions about use of bond funding for operational expenses. Increasing class size by 1 would save only \$4 million. The Committee advocates a return to using revenue-sharing agreements. The report is on the CivFed web site.

The Revenues and Expenditures Committee presented a report on the 2015-16 Arlington County Budget. Recognizing time and information constraints, the Committee recommended approving the County Manager's budget. Tim Wise's resolution urged the County Board to balance the FY 2016 budget with a real property tax rate of no more than \$0.996 per \$100 of assessed value (the current rate and the Manager's recommendation). A motion to drop one paragraph failed: 17-21-3. A subsequent motion to amend the same paragraph failed by 2-29-1. The original motion passed 22-15-0.

### **Community Energy Plan Update**

Joseph Pelton, who represents the Federation on the Community Energy Plan initiative, introduced Richard Dooley, who heads the initiative for Arlington County, for an update on this program. The Plan was a collaborative effort involving more than 40 organizations, including the Federation. The County is now implementing the 40 year energy plan that includes renewable energy, passive energy efficiency, district energy systems, and transportation efficiency. Programs include light bulb swaps, Georgetown U. Energy Prize, Solar Co-op. Citizens can implement AIRE's Bright Ideas. More info on the AIRE site: [www.arlingtonenergy.us](http://www.arlingtonenergy.us)

### **Nominating Committee**

Jim Pebley, Mileva Hartman, Bill Braswell, Stefanie Pryor and Pat Spann were elected to the Nominating Committee to nominate a slate of officers for 2015-16.

### **Bylaws Resolution**

Sarah Shortall has developed two versions of a resolution to amend the Civic Federation's bylaws. The Executive Committee will approve one of them to be presented in May.

**Announcements:** Please sign up for the Civfed Banquet on Friday, April 17. The Federation needs co-chairs for the Transportation and Planning and Zoning Committees. There are materials on the web now for the Affordable Housing Study. Stan Karson asked delegates to support the Radnor/Fort Myer Heights Civic Association's position seeking to preserve historic Wilson School at the County Board meeting on April 18. Delegates should report potholes to the County.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm until the next membership meeting on May 5, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Swart, Secretary