



Minutes March 7, 2017 ACCF Membership Meeting

Federation Vice President Duke Banks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. Vice President Banks led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the February 3, 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

April 2017 Membership Meeting: Vice President Banks announced that the April 4, 2017 Membership Meeting will be held in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Vice President Banks announced on behalf of Treasurer Pat Spann that the Federation had balances of \$6,740.36 in its checking account and \$20,874.03 in its savings account as of March 5, 2017.

New Delegate: Vice President Banks welcomed new delegate Joyce Murphy of Douglas Park.

Career Center Video recording of this Meeting: Vice President Banks thanked Career Center students Flor Cáceres-Godoy and Alex Pageotte, their Career Center instructor Tom O'Day, and Duane Lomis, an APS Video Systems Specialist, for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

2017 Annual Banquet: Vice President Banks announced that the 2017 ACCF Annual Banquet will be held on Friday April 7th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at the Rosslyn Holiday Inn. Guest Speakers are Robert Thomson, Doctor Gridlock of the Washington Post, and Emeka Monome, Deputy Executive Director of the Federal City Council.

Nominating Committee: Vice President Banks said volunteers were needed for the Federation's Nominating Committee, which has the responsibility of nominating the Federation's Officers and members of its Executive Committee.

School Board Program: School Board Chair Nancy Van Doren, Vice Chair Barbara Kanninen, and members Reid Goldstein, James Lander and Tannia Talento attended this meeting. Ms. Van Doren gave a presentation focused on the following topics; APS academic performance, enrollment growth; new programs; the school system's CIP and operating finances; new and renovated school facilities and APS's vision for the future. School Board members answered questions from the Schools Committee, delegates, and alternates on the following topics: the Trump administration's potential impact on APS; state interference with local school administration; budgetary and efficiency challenges; medium and long-term planning horizons; APS's commitment to socio-economic diversity dispersal; land for new schools; admission and transfer policies; the School for Children and the Integration Station; Arlington Tech; transportation alternatives for high school students; APS approved apps for students' electronic devices and ensuring the privacy of student information.

Arlington Tech: Margaret Chung, the Career Center's principal, gave a presentation on the following Career Center programs: the Academic Academy; the HILT Program; PEP; Transition 9; Alternatives for Parenting Teens; and Arlington Tech. Ms. Chung answered questions from delegates and alternates on the following topics: preparing students for jobs with shortages of qualified candidates; the Career Center's Veterinary Program; strategies for increasing enrollment in Arlington Tech; and traditional Vocational Tech Education.

Resolution on County Board's Consent Agenda: Suzanne Sundburg presented ExCom's report on a resolution requesting the Arlington County Board to reverse its classification of county board consent agenda items as "Nonpublic". Sarah McKinley a Columbia Heights delegate, called the question. Her motion was seconded and approved by a vote 28 to 8. The main motion was then approved by a vote of 39 to zero.

Draft Resolution on Retirement Plan Information: Duke Banks of the Revenue and Expenditures Committee (R&E) introduced a R&E resolution requesting the Arlington County Board to include a summary of important retirement plan information including the yearly funding required by taxpayers in the yearly budget and future projections so the Board's deliberations each year on staffing and compensation levels can be considered keeping in mind the status of the retirement system impacts and further. The accuracy of statistics cited in this resolution was questioned. Vice President Banks referred the resolution back to the R&E committee.

Draft Resolution on the 2018 Real Estate Tax-Rate: Suzanne Sundburg of the Revenue and Expenditures Committee (R&E) introduced a R&E resolution that urges (i) the Arlington County Board to adopt a maximum property tax rate of \$0.991 per \$100 of assessed value; (ii) the County Board and County Manager to utilize existing surplus balances to fund additional needs in the FY 2018 budget; and (iii) the County Board, if necessary, to seek revisions in state legislation to increase flexibility in the permitted uses of Transportation Capital Fund revenues to include Metro funding. Vice President Banks referred the resolution back to the R&E committee.

Shirlington Dog Park: Jesse Boeding, Chair of the Civic Federation's Executive Committee, gave a brief update on the Four Mile Run Valley Working Group's deliberations on the Shirlington Dog Park.

New Business:

Announcements

- The next Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center.

- The next Executive Committee will be held at 6:30 PM on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at the fire station at 4805 Wilson Blvd.
- Thursday, March 23, is the deadline to submit material for the April newsletter.
- There will be a series of Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) Interactive Roundtable Meetings from March 8 to March 25. Registration required. For more information go to <https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/jfac/>
- General Assembly Legislative Round Table with Arlington's state delegates sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Arlington. It will take place on Saturday March 18 from 11:00AM - 1:00 PM at the George Mason Law School, 3301 Fairfax Drive, Arlington. For free tickets go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/league-of-women-voters-forum-review-of-virginia-legislative-session-tickets-31896065992>
- The Data Coalition will host a Financial Data Summit from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 16, at the J.W. Marriot Hotel at 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. Public sector employees may attend for free. For more information go to <https://www.datacoalition.org/financial-data-summit-2017/>
- The Schools Committee will meet at 7:15 PM on Sunday, March 12, at 2302 N Kenmore St.
- The Revenues and Expenditures Committee will meet from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 12, at the fire station at 4805 Wilson Blvd.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary