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Meeting Notice

Tuesday, February 5, 2013
7:30 p.m.
Hazel Auditorium
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N George Mason Drive
Arlington, VA 22205
www.civfed.org

Agenda

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Approve agenda
Officer reports
Member delegate
announcements
- 7:40 County Board Program
- 8:55 Homeless Program
- 9:25 New Business
- 9:30 Adjourn

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Executive Committee News

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The Executive Committee met on January , 2012 to plan the agenda for the February 5, 2013, meeting general meeting and discussed the agenda for future meetings (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

The Executive Committee will meet on February 10, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs.

Committee News

Dues Reminder

Dues for Civic Federation member organizations were due on July 1. Article III Section 7 of the bylaws states ". . . Organizations whose dues are more than six (6) months in arrears shall be dropped from membership in the Federation . . .". If your organization is dropped, you will not be able to speak or vote at our meetings.

We have not received dues payment from several organizations. If your organization has not paid its dues, please contact your association Treasurer to remedy this problem. If you have any questions, contact our Treasurer Peter Olivere at peterolivere@civfed.org.

Proposed Change to Budget Report Special Rule

The Executive Committee of the Federation is considering the proposal of an amendment to the Special Rule governing the consideration of the annual Budget Report at the April Meeting. The proposed text of the Amended Special Rule may be found in the italicized text below. It is the intention of the Executive Committee to debate and vote on this proposed language at the March meeting of the Federation.

The Amended Special Rule seeks to allow Federation Committees the option of putting **one**, stand-alone budget item before the Federation for consideration if said item was not included in the Budget Report. Stand-alone committee proposals that are adopted will be included in the final report.

R&E will continue to review the proposed County budget from the date of its publication (o/a Feb 23), until the date of the ACCF budget meeting (Apr 9). Following R&E's initial review of the budget, it will advise the ACCF Executive Committee and any affected ACCF Committees of budget items that are of significant concern or, that may be subject to R&E recommendations for significant cuts. This advice should be made no later than two weeks following R&E's initial review of the proposed budget. Following this advice, ACCF standing committees that believe

R&E's proposed cuts or the Manager's proposed budget does not adequately reflect the needs of its particular constituency will submit to R&E its prioritized list of proposed changes along with their justifications. The proposed changes must be 'revenue neutral', i.e., proposed additions must be offset by decreases in other categories within the committee's purview, or, by an increase in the tax rate.

After submission of above committee requests, R&E will review and advise the requesting committee of its proposed final recommendations ASAP, and in any case no later than five days before presentation of the R&E report to the membership, i.e., on/about April 4. If the proposing committee does not agree with R&E recommendations, they may submit for separate vote to the membership, its recommendation for ONE line item, which must be 'revenue neutral', as stated above. The requesting committee should provide this proposal to the R&E committee and the Executive Committee no later than the Saturday preceding the ACCF budget meeting in April.

The final R&E report will consist of its recommendations plus any additional requests by the proposing committees. It is understood that this is an iterative process and prompt communications by all concerned parties is essential.

The 'special rule' will be amended to provide for requests by ACCF standing committees. No other changes or amendments will be considered at the budget meeting.

At the budget meeting, and following presentation of R&E and Schools Committee recommendations, any ACCF committee proposing changes to the R&E report will be given two minutes to present its case. R&E will be given two minutes to respond to the proposed change.

After completion of committee requests, membership will vote on each committee proposal, on a straight up or down vote. The totals will be tabulated and incorporated into the final R&E report, with necessary adjustments.

Working Group for Neighborhood Insurance

Many delegates and organizations have been concerned about the County requirement to procure insurance for neighborhood and community events. Paul Svercl will lead a working group to investigate possible options for the Federation to provide private insurance to its member organizations. The working group will provide a recommendation, but no action will be taken until the Executive Committee and Federation has had an opportunity to consider said recommendation. If you are interested in participating in the working group, please contact Paul at pvsvercl@yahoo.com.

Concerned about Traffic in Your Neighborhood?

The Federation could use your help. If you are concerned about through traffic, the installation of traffic calming measures, or pedestrian safety, you should contact President James Schroll about serving as a representative to the County's Traffic Calming Committee. The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. If you are interested in serving please contact James Schroll at james@civfed.org.

The New Website

The Federation is happy to announce that we have moved over to the new website. You can still find the Federation at <http://civfed.org> and can find old information on the archived website at <http://civfed.org/index.htm>. There is also a link to the archived website on the home page of the new website and on the side bar of each other page on the site. New information will be placed on the new website, although current and old information will still be accessible from the archived website. While we have moved over to the new website, this is not a stagnant process. We want to hear your feedback about how it works and ways we can make it better. Additionally, the Community Affairs Committee will be reconstituted to help maintain the website and new media. While all posted communications will need the President's approval, these individuals will help maintain the organization's web presence. If you have any comments or questions, or would like to get more involved please email James Schroll at James Schroll at james@civfed.org.

Meeting Program

County Board Program

The County Board will be our guest at the February meeting of the Federation. The Board will give some opening remarks for roughly 15-20 minutes. Following these opening remarks, the Board will be asked some questions submitted in advance by the Federation's committee chairs. After these prepared questions, the floor will be open for member delegate questions for the remainder of the program. This program will be an hour and fifteen minutes in length.

Member delegates and alternates are reminded that their questions should be questions and that position statements are not questions. Additionally, questions shall be thirty seconds in length. Lastly, in the interest of fairness and an effort to make sure that all member delegates may ask a question, follow up questions will not be permitted.

Program on Arlington's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

The second program at the February meeting will be sponsored by the Federation's Housing Committee and will be on Arlington's 10 year Plan to end Homelessness in the County. We will be pleased to welcome Tony Turnage, Homeless Program Coordinator at the Arlington County Department of Human Services, who will describe the progress of the County's execution of its 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Specifically, he will focus on:

- homelessness as a significant problem in Arlington County,
- Arlington's comprehensive plan to address homelessness and
- the role the community has to play.

This will be a thirty minute program and contain questions following the presentation.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business scheduled to come before the Federation at the February meeting.

General and Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Month	Primary Program Topic	General Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting
February	County Board Program	Tuesday 5	Sunday 10
March	School Board Program	Tuesday 5	Sunday 10
April	R&E and Schools Committees Budget Program	Tuesday 9*	Sunday 14*
May	Legislative Delegation Program	Tuesday 7	Sunday 12
June	To be determined & Civic Federation election	Tuesday 4	Sunday 9

*These meetings will be held the second week of the month, which is a deviation from the original schedule. Please note this change. The location for these meetings is unchanged. Executive Committee meetings will be held on the Sunday following the General Meeting. They will be held at 7:30pm at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2).

Civic Federation Committee Chairs

Civic Federation committees study community-wide policy issues in their jurisdiction and report to the Civic Federation's member organization delegates. All Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates should serve on a committee. If you are not already serving on a committee, please review the jurisdictions (www.civfed.org/committe.htm) and email the committee chair to sign up.

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Chair Jim Lantelme; Vice Chair Terri Prell	jim@civfed.org ; terri@civfed.org
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Nominating		to be determined
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Public Services	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
Revenues and Expenditures	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
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Special Events	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
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