

Arlington County Civic Federation

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington

Minutes - April 2, 2002

1. The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. The saying of the Pledge was led by ACCF historian Sherm Pratt.
3. Approval of Agenda. Approved as written.
4. Approval of Minutes from the April 5, 2002 Meeting: Approved as written.
5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Frances Finta's written report, dated April 2, 2002, shows that 75 of the 78 member organizations have paid their 2001/2002 dues, including one which has paid through 2002/2003. In addition, the report shows the combined Checking and Savings account balance of \$8,267.54 with a \$0.00 balance in the U.S. Postal Service bulk mail account.
6. President's Report. Jim Pebley provided an update on the 911 Scholarship Fund. He also said that he wrote to Bill O'Reilly of FoxNews to explain about who can represent the Civic Federation. As a result of the large attendance, President Jim Pebley kept his report very brief. He also noted that the incidences of hate mail that have been received as a result of the appearance on O'Reilly's show of a Federation delegate "representing" the Federation. Jim also noted that because of the noise in the room adjacent to where the Federation was having its banquet, the Hyatt Crystal City hotel is discounting the bill by 25%. Finally, he mentioned that he has forwarded copies of the Federation's baseball resolution to all concerned parties.
7. Committee Reports. The Membership Committee presented the application of the Forest Hills Community Association, which was approved unanimously. Jackie Snelling reported on the activities of the Public Service Committee.
8. Nominating Committee. Following delegates were elected to the committee: Nancy Graham, Laura Sennett, John Antonelli, Ralph Leonberger, Amy Appelbaum, and Mike Lane (6th selectee resulted from a tie vote). Nancy Graham will chair the committee.
9. County and Schools Fiscal Year 2003 Budgets. Presentations were made by Bob Atkins, Randy Swart, and Kim Smith (for the Revenues & Expenditures Committee) and Terri Prell and Roger Meyer (for the Schools Committee). After debate, the committee's report, which recommended a reduction of 6 cents in the real estate tax rate, was approved by a vote of 43-6.
10. Bylaw Changes. After discussion and debate, the proposed change in term limits for the executive committee failed (for officers there were more nays than yeas; and for executive committee members, the proposal failed 25-13). The proposal to have eight delegates rather than four delegates and four alternates also failed.
11. Unfinished Business. None.
12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned just about about 10:35 p.m.

Recorded by Timothy Wise, Secretary

Approved