

Arlington County Civic Federation

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington

Minutes – February 4, 2003

1. The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was one “community forum” presentation during the pre-meeting session. Ms. Palma Strand and Ms. Patrician discussed their survey, under contract to Arlington County, that looks at the community’s about civic participation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. The formal meeting began with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Moment of Silence. Members observed a moment of silence in memory of the Columbia astronauts.
4. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December 3, 2002 meeting were approved.
6. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Frances Finta’s written report shows a combined checking and savings accounts balance of \$5,993.04, less a 911 Scholarship Fund balance of \$936.92, leaving a Federation balance of \$5,056.12. The report was accepted.
7. Committee Reports: Brief committee reports were presented by the chairs of the following committees: Revenues & Expenditures, Public Services, Banquet, Membership, Planning & Zoning, Environmental, and Airport Issues.
8. Program. The program consisted of: 1) presentation on historic preservation; 2) proposed Chesapeake Bay Ordinance; and, 3) alternative fuels resolution. The presentation on historic preservation included a 30-minute presentation by Michael Leventhal, historic preservation coordinator of Arlington County, followed by 15 minutes of Q&A. The discussion of the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance included a 30-minute presentation by Jeff Harne, environmental coordinator for Arlington County, followed by 15 minutes of Q&A, which was followed by unanimous approval of a resolution regarding Arlington County’s Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance. Finally, there was discussion of a proposed resolution regarding alternative fuel buses and fueling facilities. The resolution passed with only one or two nay votes.
9. Old Business. None.
10. New Business. None.
11. Announcements. The debate for the March 11, 2003 special election is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2003. Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Finally, Neighborhood Day is scheduled for May 11.
12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 p.m.

Recorded by Timothy Wise, Secretary