

Minutes - April 3, 2007 ACCF Membership Meeting

- 1. Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm by Larry Mayer, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Beth Wolffe of the Arlington County Taxpayers Association.
- 2. Agenda approved as submitted.
- 3. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>. The minutes of the March 6, 2007 membership meeting were distributed and approved as amended.
- 4. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Current checking account balance is \$6278.76, savings is \$1085. 68 of 84 organizations have paid their dues for the current fiscal year.
- 5. <u>Announcements</u>: Kathryn Scruggs of the Housing Committee reported that her committee would meet to consider the topic of 'workforce housing' and the April 21-28 is designated 'Affordable Housing Week'.

Larry Finch of the Environmental Affairs Committee said his committee would meet in April to consider the County's AIRE initiative and other environmental matters. The Committee will also present a program on environmental topics at the June membership meeting.

A member rose to move a vote of thanks to Stan Karson and Frances Finta for their work in making the ACCF Banquet a success; adopted unanimously.

6. <u>Budget Package Report</u>: ACCF President Larry Mayer introduced for membership consideration the previously published 'Special Rule', which would govern voting on the resolutions to be presented by the Schools Committee and the Revenues and Expenditures Committee on the FY08 Budget. The rule provided that all of the proposed resolutions would either have to be considered together as a package, or individually. The membership voted to consider the resolutions as a package, without amendment.

Beth Wolffe then made a presentation on the recommendations and proposed resolutions of the Schools Committee, followed by Burt Bostwick of the Revenues and Expenditures Committee. Following discussion, comments and questions, the membership voted to adopt the joint report and resolutions by a vote of 31-15.

7. Old Business—Proposed Wilson School Resolution:

Martha Moore and Stan Karson, both members of the County-appointed Multi-Site Study Committee provided, as background, guidelines and recommendations made by the Committee concerning planning decisions involving any Arlington County Public Schools (APS) facility or site.

Jay Wind, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, presented the resolution as finally approved by his committee at their April 26 meeting, attended by a number of other interested parties.

Beth Wolffe, Chair of the Schools Committee, presented a report in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Following discussion and debate, a motion was introduced to call the question. The motion failed by a vote of 21 against, 18 for. Several motions were then made and approved to extend discussion for an additional five minutes. Jackie Snelling introduced a proposed amendment which would strike the all of the 'therefores' of the proposed resolution, except the third one. A proposed friendly amendment which would restrict the third 'therefore' to Rosslyn and the Wilson School was accepted by Jackie Snelling.

Following discussion of the proposed amendment, a motion to extend discussion was voted down. A vote on the proposed amendment was held, and the amendment passed by a vote of 35 for, and 4 against. A vote on the proposed amendment as amended was then held and passed by 33 for, and 5 against.

It was also requested that Jay Wind re-draft the 'Whereas' section of the resolution to conform with the amended 'Therefore' section of the resolution.

A motion to adjourn the meeting passed at 9:59 PM.

Submitted: Burt Bostwick, Secretary

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