Minutes – November 11, 2008 ACCF Membership Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Larry Mayer, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shannon Sorzano of Chain Bridge Forest.

2. Agenda approved as submitted.

3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the October 7, 2008 membership meeting were distributed and approved as submitted.

4. Treasurer’s Report: Balance on November 10, 2008 is $4,369.17. Thirty-six (44%) of members organizations have paid their dues.

5. Committee reports and announcements:
   a. Long Bridge Park Environmental Assessment is active through December 12. Link to comments available from CivFed website calendar page.
   b. Arlington Public Schools Community Conversation on Elimination Achievement Gaps at Kenmore Middle School on November 14.
   c. The December Civic Voice will be the last paper mailed newsletter. All delegate and alternate email addresses are required to deliver the newsletter electronically in the future. Send to mileva@civfed.org

6. The Public Services Committee program presentation on flu and the County’s MAPP Program was introduced by Dr. Reuben Varghese, Chief, Arlington County Public Health Division. Bob Atkins, as the ACCF representative to the Arlington MAPP steering committee, introduced the following resolution which was approved with minor editorial changes, by a vote of 40 yes and 1 no:

Whereas all health districts in the Commonwealth of Virginia are now engaged in a long term planning exercise entitled MAPP – Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships – using a consistent format from the National Association of City and County Health Officers for the period ending in the year 2017 which requires involvement of the full range of public and private entities involved in public health, and

Whereas this exercise requires the development of Priority Initiatives on a wide range of health issues, including communicable diseases such as influenza, with the identification of Champion (lead agencies/entities) and Booster (supporting agencies/entities) organizations, and

Whereas an estimated ninety thousand Arlington residents who should be receiving annual influenza shots are not doing so and that this creates a significant ongoing public health gap, and

Whereas it is consistent with the ACCF’s mission to partner, where possible, with other organizations to achieve our objectives,

Be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the ACCF that we become a booster for the MAPP priority initiative on influenza in Arlington County where an ACCF member has already been involved in the planning. Federation involvement would be largely limited to publicizing, through our website, to our Delegates and Alternates and their member organizations the importance of annual vaccinations against the influenza as well as inviting a speaker in some future years at Federation meetings on this issue.
President Mayer expressed appreciation to Bob Atkins and his predecessor, Stan Karson, for work on the MAPP program.

7. The 2009 Legislative Package presented by the Legislative Committee included additional items submitted by members by the November 7 deadline. After an item-by-item discussion, paper ballots were distributed. Voting results appear at http://www.civfed.org/leg09draftruvvote.pdf. The final legislative package is posted on the Civfed website.

8. In new business President Larry Mayer invited comment on 2009 banquet concepts to guide planning for the event.

9. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Submitted:

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Secretary