



Minutes - December 7, 2010

ACCF Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mike Kerley, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anya Gan of the Arlington Education Association. Opening the meeting, the agenda and time organization rules were approved as submitted. The minutes of the November 9, 2010 meeting were distributed and approved; the Treasurer's report was accepted; several announcements were made.

Awards Committee

The membership elected Mark Antell, Martha Moore, Sharon Rogers, Jackie Snelling and Kathryn Scruggs to serve on the Awards Committee for 2010 - 2011.

Program

The Civic Federation Revenues and Expenditures and the Schools Committee presented a program with guest speakers Barbara Donnellan, Arlington County Manager, and Patrick Murphy, Superintendent of Arlington Public Schools. The program focused on County and school system-wide issues including the projected budget gap for fiscal year 2012. The presentation was followed by member delegate questions and discussion.

The Legislative Committee presented a program on a proposed change to Virginia tax administration with guest speaker Ingrid Morroy, Commissioner of Revenue. The presentation was followed by member delegate questions and discussion.

Unfinished Business

The Civic Federation Legislation Committee presented a report and proposed motion on a proposed change to Virginia Tax administration which was introduced by Peter Owen at the November 9, 2010, Civic Federation meeting. The motion for resolution was:

Whereas, an efficient, accurate and taxpayer-friendly tax assessment, collection and accounting system is in the interest of Arlingtonians and Virginians,

Whereas, the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia has proposed certain changes to Virginia tax administration to create more efficient, accurate and customer friendly tax assessment and collections,

Whereas, the Association's proposals would allow local tax administrators to provide "one-stop" services for certain local businesses, and would be able to more promptly and accurately assess sales and other taxes from certain local businesses, and

Whereas, "local" tax administration addressed by the Association's proposals would in Arlington County be administered by the office of the Commissioner of Revenue,

Be it therefore Resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation supports legislation allowing local registration for state and local business taxes, local monitoring of the local option portion of the state sales and use tax, local/state tax audit partnership for the meals tax, and local registration and monitoring of businesses that are subject to the licensing laws of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

After delegate discussion, the resolution was adopted with a vote of 45 yes and 0 no.

New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 until the next membership meeting on January 4, 2011.

Submitted by
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Civic Federation Secretary