

## Minutes

### Arlington County Civic Federation

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital

September 5, 1995

#### Candidates Night

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:02 p.m. by President Scott McGeary.

1. There was **no emergency business** to consider; the **Agenda** was approved, with consent of the body that items 5 (Report of Membership Committee), 6 (Announcements), 8 and 9 (unfinished and new business) would be deferred to the October meeting.

2. **Minutes** of the June 6, 1995, meeting were approved as presented.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (by Treasurer John Nicholas): Checking balance, \$3,742.24; outstanding checks, \$608.82; available balance, \$3,133.42.

4. **Executive Committee Report** (by Executive Committee Chairman Frances Finta): Reported business of the July 19 meeting, including:

- ♦ Elected Frances Finta as chairman; Timothy Wise as vice chairman.
- ♦ Approved appointments of Committee Chairmen, Parliamentarian, and Exec. Comm. liaisons to committees. (Complete list in Exec. Committee minutes, attached to Secretary's minutes.
- ♦ Approved appointments of delegates to serve as Federation representatives to outside organizations.
- ♦ Adopted a Flexible Program of Work Schedule for the 1995-96 Federation meetings.
- ♦ Approved a set of Federation Meeting Procedures which would be sent to all Committee Chairmen.
- ♦ Discussed and made editorial corrections to the Standing Rules.
- ♦ Adopted Candidates Night Rules.
- ♦ Agreed to contribute \$200 to Arlington Hospital for use of the Hazel Center for Federation meetings.
- ♦ Decided to send a letter to County Board before its Aug. 5 meeting to request action be deferred on the Human Services Commission Report until after the Federation's Oct. meeting to allow further debate and further comments by the Federation.
- ♦ Decided to send a letter to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requesting record of their meeting on the enlargement of the sewage treatment plant Arlington Ridge area remain open until Nov. 20 to allow further discussion by the public.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee: Sept. 14, 8:00 p.m., at the Chamber of Commerce.

#### 5. Program: Candidates Night

President McGeary presented a welcome and introduced the candidates. Serving as timers were Ronna Raymond, Rex Wackerle, and Sue Zajac. Candidates on each panel presented opening statements, and questions from the floor followed: The order of offices and candidates (candidates drew lot for order) was as follows:

**Arlington County Board:** **Albert C. Eisenberg** (Incumbent, Democrat); **Benjamin H. Winslow, Jr.** (Incumbent, Republican); **Henriette V. Warfield** (Republican); **Paul F. Ferguson** (Democrat).

Questions from the floor included the subjects of the meals tax; growth of government vis a vis budgetary restrictions, gun control, and public safety.

**Commissioner of Revenue:** **Geraldine M. Whiting** (Incumbent, Democrat), **J.R. "Jim" Lathrop** (Republican).

Questions from the floor included the subjects of food establishment inspection, business taxes, attitude toward gay and lesbians, and property assessments.

**Arlington County School Board** (all Independents): **Darlene M. Mickey** (Incumbent), **Gary M. Baker**, **Ricardo ("Ric") Roca**.

Questions from the floor included the subjects of experience of candidates, the CIP, school vouchers, Family Life Education (FLE).

**State Senate, 30th District:** **Patsy Ticer** (Democrat), **Robert L. Calhoun** (Incumbent, Republican).

Questions from the floor included the subjects of National Airport noise, changes in schools (curriculum guidelines, FLE, charter schools, reduction of school counselors, etc.), initiatives and referenda, and concealed weapons.

**State Senate, 31st District:** **Mary Margaret Whipple** (Democrat), **David Oblon** (Republican).

Questions from the floor included the subjects of taxation, slot rules changes at National Airport, the Outer Beltway (Western Bypass), and experience/qualifications of candidates.

**State Senate, 32nd District:** **Robert M. McDowell** (Republican), **Janet D. Howell** (Incumbent, Democrat).

Questions from the floor included the subjects of school vouchers, abortion, gun controls and crime, and FLE.

**State House of Delegates, 48th District:** **Jeffrey S. Fitzpatrick** (Republican), **Julia A. "Judy" Connally** (Incumbent, Democrat).

Questions from the floor included the subjects of school vouchers, Wilson Bridge, initiatives and referenda, and experience/qualifications of candidates.

State House of Delegates, 49th District: **L. Karen Darner** (Incumbent, Democrat), **J.P. "Jerry" Gideon** (Republican).

Questions from the floor included the subjects of experience/qualifications of candidates, aggressive panhandling ordinance, and FLE.

**Note:** The program was videotaped for cablecast on Channel 33 (videotape on file with Secretary's minutes).

6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

  
Tommye Morton, Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_