

Minutes

Arlington County Civic Federation

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital

October 3, 1995

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:50 p.m. by President Scott McGeary.

1. There was **no emergency business** to consider; the **Agenda** was approved as presented..
2. **Minutes** of the September 5, 1995, meeting were approved as presented.
3. **Treasurer's Report** (by Treasurer John Nicholas): Balance as of 10/3/95: \$3,301.26. Paid memberships: 42; unpaid 26. (Complete report on file with Secretary's minutes.)
4. **Executive Committee Report** (by Executive Committee Chairman Frances Finta): Reported business of the September meeting, including: approval of \$100 donation to Arlington Teachers Scholarship Fund. Chairman Finta represented Federation at Sept. 11 panel discussion on extension services and before County Board on Sept. 27 on the Action Plan. Next meeting of the Committee is Thursday, Oct. 19, 8:00 p.m.

5. **Membership Committee Report** (by Committee Chairman Frances Finta).

*****MOTION** (by the Committee): To accept the application for readmission to the Federation by the Arlington-East Falls Church Civic Association. **PASSED** (unanimous voice vote)

*****MOTION** (by the Committee): To accept the application for admission to the Federation by Marymount University. **FAILED** (voice vote)

(In discussion, questions were raised about definition of membership into the group and need for clarification of group's method for choosing delegates and alternates. Delegates expressed respect for the University but questioned admitting an institutional member as opposed to a "friends of" an institution.)

6. **Announcements** (by President McGeary):

- ♦ Letter received from Elizabeth R. Cheyney, chairman of the Human Services Commission, expressing appreciation for the Federation's consideration of and comments on the Draft Commission's Report.
- ♦ Handout available to delegates listing ACCF committee chairmen and liaisons.
- ♦ Delegates urged to volunteer to serve on Federation committees.
- ♦ (by Amy Appelbaum, Legislation Committee Chairman): Handouts available requesting input to Legislation Committee regarding items to be included in the Federation's 1996 Legislative Package. (Package to be considered at November meeting of Federation.) Interested delegates invited to attend the upcoming meetings of the Legislation Committee, Oct. 10 & Oct. 14, 8 p.m., at John Antonelli's card room.
- ♦ (by Robert Nester, Parks & Recreation Chairman): Parks & Recreation Committee will meet Oct. 4 at the Madison Center to discuss the Boat House issue. The Water-Based Recreation Facility Task Force is holding a public comment session on Oct. 11. This issue is likely to be visited by the Federation at a future meeting. (President McGeary requested the Committee to bring topic to Executive Committee meeting for consideration and scheduling purposes.

- ♦ (by Schools Chairman Roye Lowry) Delegates asked to submit questions and topics for the School Board's visit to the Federation (December meeting) and to consider joining the Schools Committee this year.
- ♦ (by Marjorie McCreery, delegate, Arlington Education Association): Concern expressed about the progress of construction work at the Arlington Traditional School and its ability to open on Oct. 10 as scheduled appear questionable.

7. Program I: Human Services Commission Report (Evelyn Staples, Chairman of the Federation's Public Services Committee provided a brief report on the Human Services Commission and its final Report and presented her Committee's proposed Resolution on the Report.)

***MOTION** (by Public Services Committee): To adopt the Resolution on Human Services Commission Report. (Copy of the proposed Resolution is on file with the Secretary's Minutes.)

***AMENDMENT 1** (moved by Rohan Samaraweera, Ballston/Virginia Square delegate): To add an additional resolve that the Federation recommends that the location or relocation of DHS facilities and services (page 20 of the Report), comply with the Principles of the Siting Process and Siting Process Procedures.

****Amendment accepted as a friendly amendment.**

***AMENDMENT 2** (moved by John Antonelli, Columbia Heights delegate): To add a further resolve that the Federation expresses the view that the temperature guidelines for the Emergency Winter Shelter remain the same as last year, and that the Emergency Winter Shelter not be open every night from November to April.

****Amendment accepted as a friendly amendment.**

***AMENDMENT 3** (by Ernest Ragland, Ballston/Virginia Square delegate) was **withdrawn** by the mover as being already covered by Amendment 1.

***AMENDMENT 4** (moved by Timothy Wise, Courtlands delegate): To add an additional WHEREAS to read, WHEREAS, from 1985 to 1994 the DHS budget has increased 170.6% while the overall County budget has increased only 91.3%, and the health component of the DHS budget has increased 24.8% and the welfare component of the DHS budget has increased 307.7%;

****Amendment PASSED** (hand vote, 13-11)

***AMENDMENT 5** (moved by Bill Nolden, Parkway delegate): To add, That there be full fiscal analysis by the County of any implementation from the recommendations in the Report, and that this analysis be made available for public discussion;

****Amendment accepted as a friendly amendment.**

***AMENDMENT 6** (moved by Ed McWethy, Arlington Heights delegate): To add, That consideration of any DHS policy or program changes, including new or expanded programs, stemming from recommendations in the Report including specific cost estimates and that his information be made available to the Federation.

****Amendment accepted as a friendly amendment.**

***AMENDMENT 7** (moved by Steven Andrews, Stonewall Jackson delegate): That the Federation be advised of any plan of action by the DHS resulting from recommendations of the Report.

****Amendment accepted as a friendly amendment.**

AMENDMENT 8 (moved by Steven Andrews, Stonewall Jackson delegate) was **withdrawn** by the mover as being already covered in Amendment 6.

*****Resolution as amended PASSED** (voice vote) Full Resolution as passed is on file with Secretary's minutes.

(**Note:** During the above program segment, the delegates voted twice to extend the time allowance for debate on this subject.)

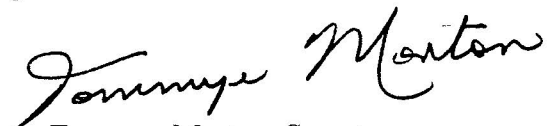
7. Program II: Recommendations for FY97 Budget Guidelines.

(Ed McWethy, Chairman of the Federation's Revenues and Expenditures Committee provided an in-depth report, including visual aids, on his Committee's recommendations about how the Proposed FY97 Arlington County Budget should be drafted.)

* **MOTION** (by Revenues and Expenditures Committee): To adopt the Committee's proposed resolutions recommending guidelines for drafting the proposed FY97 Arlington County Budget.

*****MOTION PASSED** (unanimous voice vote) Resolutions recommending guidelines as passed are on file with Secretary's minutes.

8. With no further business, the **meeting was adjourned** at 10:32 p.m.


Tommye Morton, Secretary

Date Approved: _____