

Minutes
Arlington County Civic Federation
John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital
December 3, 1996

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:35 p.m. by President Bill Nolden

1. Agenda was approved as amended (to accommodate a visitor, item # 7, Announcements, was moved to item #2).

2. Announcements:

- ♦ (by Tanya Barvenik, Arlington Economic Development Commission): The Commission is considering the issue of permitting one or more non-residents to work at the site of a home-based business. A subcommittee of the Commission, after some study, has developed draft recommendations. Handouts on the issue were made available to delegates. The subcommittee wishes to discuss the recommendations with the Federation at an upcoming meeting.

3. Special Order -- Election of Awards Committee

The following individuals were nominated from the floor for the Awards Committee (listed in order of nomination): David Foster; Jim Pebly; Bill Munson; Roye Lowry; Timothy Wise; Amy Appelbaum; Jerry Gideon; Robert Rackmales.

Ballots were distributed to the delegates. Election tellers appointed to collect and count the ballots: Terri Prell, Lloyd Mostrom, and Henry Harper.

****Election Results:** The following nominees were elected to serve on the five-member Awards Committee (in alphabetical order): **Amy Appelbaum, David Foster, Roye Lowry, Bill Munson, Timothy Wise.** (David Foster, with the greatest number of votes, will serve as Chairman of the Committee.)

****MOTION** to destroy the ballots **PASSED** (voice vote)

4. Program I: Arlington County School Board

Roye Lowry, Chairman of the Schools Committee, introduced School Board members **Dianne Smith**, Chairman; **Darlene Mickey; Margaret Lampe; Frank Wilson** and School Superintendent **Dr. Arthur Gosling.** (Board member Mary Hynes was ill and unable to attend.)

Issues addressed by the guests included: Academic performance of African Americans and students whose first language isn't English; the CIP; use of buildings and construction issues; bond referenda; Virginia's new Standards of Learning (SOL); and technology plans.

During the question/answer period, issues raised included: writing skills expectations; potential future overcrowding in high schools; space allocation; gang activity; and "relocatables."

****MOTION** to extend appreciation to Margaret Lampe, the last appointed member of the Board, for her outstanding service to the schools and to the community. **PASSED** (voice vote)

Program II: Crime in Arlington -- Statistics and Trends

Stanley Schachne, Co-Chairman of the Public Services Committee, introduced **Deputy Chief of Police Daniel Boring**, and **Dean Montayne, Detective Robert Kirschner**, and **Sgt. Bill Newell**, of the Crime Analysis Unit, who presented a brief program, including visuals, on crime statistics and trends. Handouts were made available to delegates. Subjects addressed included

Uniform Crime Report figures; gang activity; Community-Based Problem-Oriented Policing (CBPOP); the Community Liaison Program; the Crime Analysis Program, and various types of police response.

During the question/answer period, issues addressed included: "Reverse 911" and additional improvements in the communications system; adequacy of current resources; role of police in schools; police pensions; Neighborhood Watch Programs; and aggressive panhandling.

5. **Minutes** of the November 12, 1996, meeting were approved as presented.

6. **Treasurer's Report** (by Treasurer Ed McWethy): Current balance is \$3,943.91.

7. **Executive Committee Report** (by Exec. Comm. Chairman Frances Finta): Business at the Committee's November 21 meeting included plans for the December meeting of the Federation and for future meetings; preliminary discussions on the Federation's spring banquet; and hearing various committee reports, including one from Bill Gearhart, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, on recommendations by the Site Plan Review Subcommittee to simplify the review process. A draft letter taking issue with some of the recommendations was considered by the Executive Committee. (Full report is on file with Secretary's minutes.)

8. With no additional business, the **meeting was adjourned at 10: 05 p.m.**


Tommye Morton, Secretary

Date Approved: _____