



## Minutes – April 5, 2016 ACCF Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Stefanie Pryor at Hazel Auditorium. President Pryor led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the March 1, 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted. Treasurer Pat Spann reported that the Federation had balances of \$17,317.10 in its checking account and \$20,868.30 in its savings account.

**Career Center Video Recording of Federation Meetings:** President Pryor announced that Career Center students Flor Cáceres-Godoy and Kiyam Muainudeen, who had helped with video recordings of previous Federation Meetings, won a regional contest on video recording and had advanced to a state-level contest. President Pryor thanked Career Center students Alex Pageotte and Christian Porter and their instructor Tom O'Day for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

**New Delegates and Alternates:** President Pryor welcomed new delegates and alternates Jan Bauer (Long Branch), Rose Breyault (Long Branch), Kathleen Harrison (Woman's Club of Arlington), Sandy Newton (Woman's Club of Arlington), Anne Unitas (Madison Manor), and Frank Munoz (Dominion Hills).

**Nominating Committee:** President Pryor said that Stan Karson, Michael Beer, Dennis Gerrity, Amy Levin, and Kelly Alexis had agreed to serve on the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee. President Pryor asked for a motion to elect these individuals to this committee. Lois Koontz so moved. Ms. Koontz's motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Committee:** President Pryor reminded the meeting that the Civic Federation's 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner would be held on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and a symposium titled *Arlington—Past, Present and 100 Years into the Future* would be held between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM on April 14 in the Arlington Central Library Auditorium.

**School Board Program** School Board Chair Emma Violand-Sanchez, Vice Chair Nancy Van Doren, and members Reid Goldstein, Barbara Kanninen, and James Lander attended this meeting. Ms. Violand-Sanchez gave a presentation focused on the following topics: APS accreditation ratings; graduation rates; Superintendent Murphy's budget; the School Board's priorities; enrollment growth; employee compensation; the school system's CIP, and new and renovated school facilities. School Board members answered questions from the Schools Committee, delegates, and alternates on the following topics: Arlington Tech; evaluation and learning with the 1:1 technology program; CIP cost scenarios for comparison and discussion of tradeoffs; staffing needs for future enrollment; transportation alternatives for high school students; long-term planning horizon; inclusion of land costs in CIP budget; "distance" education; debt financing of renovations and new construction; part-time Career Center programs; form-based code and APS expansion along Columbia Pike; use of relocatables for common area activities; APS issued electronic devices to students and ensuring the privacy of student information.

**Revenues and Expenditures Committee:** Burt Bostwick presented R&E's report on an R&E resolution introduced at the March 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Meeting. This resolution urged the County Board to adopt a maximum property rate of \$0.986 per \$100 of assessed value, which would be a one cent decrease from the advertised rate of \$0.996 per \$100. Mr. Bostwick pointed out that \$3.5 million or a half-cent of this reduction was already paid for with unanticipated real-estate tax revenue in the County Manager's budget and R&E had identified \$37.4 million in savings in the County Manager's budget that could be used to pay for the other half-cent (\$3.5 million) cut in the real property tax rate. Mr. Bostwick moved that this resolution be approved. Duke Banks seconded this motion, and it was approved by a vote of 22-14-1.

### **New Business:**

**Revenues and Expenditures Committee:** Frank Emerson introduced an R&E resolution on the allocation of General Fund Closeout Balances. President Pryor referred this resolution to R&E and the Schools and Parks Committees.

### **Announcements**

- The next General Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on May 3, 2016.
- The next Executive Committee will be held at 7:30 PM on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at the fire station at 4805 Wilson Blvd.
- Thursday, April, 21 is the deadline to submit material for the May newsletter
- Kathryn Springston will give a presentation at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 19 at Trinity Episcopal Church 2217 Columbia Pike on the radio towers erected by the US Navy in Penrose in 1913. At the time they were the second tallest structures in the world after the Eiffel Tower. They were used for the first transatlantic voice communication in 1915.
- The League of Women Voters of Arlington is hosting a free workshop on parliamentary procedures. The event, *How to Run Meetings Like a Parliamentarian*, will be at Arlington's Central Library on Sunday, May 22 at 4 p.m. Please let Board members with whom you are acquainted, your friends, family, and fellow community activists know about this workshop. The link to RSVP for this free event is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/workshop-learn-to-lead-a-meeting-like-a-parliamentarian-tickets-21314081993>

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary