

Minutes December 5, 2017
ACCF General Meeting

Call to Order: Federation President Banks noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. President Banks led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the November 14, 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

December Executive Meeting: President Banks announced that the December Executive Committee Meeting would be held at 6:30 PM on December 10 at Fire Station 2, 4805 Wilson Blvd.

January 2018 Membership Meeting: President Banks announced that the January 2, 2018 Membership Meeting will be held in the Arlington County Board Room at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report: President Banks announced on behalf of Treasurer Sarah Shortall that the November Treasurer's report was available on the back page of the draft minutes of the November 14 Membership Meeting. The balances in the Federation's checking account was \$7,683.14 and its saving account was \$19, 228.18 as of November 30. President Banks announced that eleven member associations were still in arrears paying their 2017-2018 membership. He said that these organizations would be given thirty-day notice effective December 31, 2017 to come into compliance with regard to their dues or they would be dropped from the Federation's rolls and they would have to reapply for membership.

Member Organizations All-Stars: President Banks announced that the following member organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present at the November Membership Meeting: Bluemont Civic Association, Boulevard Manor Civic Association, Columbia Heights Civic Association, Douglas Park Civic Association, Glencarlyn Citizens Association, Highland Park-Overlee Knolls Civic Association, Lyon Village Citizens Association, Madison Manor Citizens Association, North Rosslyn Civic Association, Waverly Hills Civic Association, and the Yorktown Civic Association.

New Delegate: President Banks welcomed new delegate Dana Hofferber of the Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association.

Special Guests: President Banks introduced Alex Pearson and Nick DuBois, both students at Wakefield High School, who been invited to this meeting to ask the County Manager and School Superintendent questions

Career Center Video recording of this Meeting: President Banks thanked Career Center students Flor Cáceres-Godoy, Campbell Hamilton-Howard and Jake Perez and their Career Center instructor Tom O'Day for live streaming this Federation meeting. President Banks also thanked Duane Lomis and Bryan Eckerson of APS who helped manage the sound system and provided production oversight.

Suspension of the Rules: A motion to suspend the Federation's Standing Rules to allow (i) delegates and alternates to ask a second question taking 15 seconds or less if they completed their first question was within 30 seconds or less and (ii) allow two Wakefield High Students to ask the County Manager and School Superintendent questions was made, seconded and approved without exception.

County Manager and School Superintendent Panel: A panel discussion featuring Arlington County Manager Mark Schwartz and Arlington county School Superintendent Doctor Patrick Murphy was moderated by Scott Pedowitz, President of the Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association. Superintendent Murphy and County Manager Schwartz made brief opening statements. Delegates and alternates asked the following questions: How many vehicles did Arlington County have and how many parking spaces in the Courthouse area were reserved for county vehicles? (Mr. Schwartz said he would provide Ms. Pryor with information on the number vehicles owned by the county.) What contingency plans did Mr. Schwartz have to deal with the effects on Arlington's public finances of proposed changes in Federal Tax laws? What were Mr. Schwartz's projections for expenditures in 2018? Where does the money the county spends on affordable housing actually go? What proportions of AHIF funds go to commercial developers and non-profit providers? (Mr. Schwartz said he would provide Mr. Pedowitz information on the split of AHIF money by type of developer.) How does the county plan to cover the construction and operating costs of the aquatic center? What is the status of recommendations made in the Community Facilities Study? How is JFAC's agenda determined? Doctor Murphy was asked for his assessment of how well APS was doing in closing the minority achievement gap, the status of personalized education, what could be done to preserve open space when new schools are planned and built? Do standardized tests create stress for teachers? What is APS doing to safeguard personal and public data it stores electronically? (Dr. Murphy said he would arrange for Mr. Haddox to discuss APS cybersecurity with APS staff responsibility for it.) How are the County and APS working together to solve transit and traffic problems with reference to South Carlyn Springs Road and complementary uses of APS and ART buses? Where are the impact studies for the Rosslyn and Crystal City sector plans? Does public engagement add to the cost of new schools, parks and other public facilities? Is the APS Second Chance Program really a one-strike program? Is county staff prepared to educate citizens on the hard choices the County faces on transportation issues?

Reports on Legislative Committee Resolutions on Criminal Justice and Virginia Grounds for Driver's License Suspension: Votes: Legislative Committee member Juliet Hiznay explained changes in a substitute resolution on Criminal Justice Reform. Ms. Hiznay moved the substitute resolution be accepted. Her motion was seconded and approved without exception.

Panel Discussion on Legislative Committee Resolutions on Criminal Justice and Virginia Grounds for Driver's License Suspension: Ms. Hiznay introduced the panel members: Theophani Stamos, Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church; Brad Haywood, Chief Public Defender for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church; Michelle McNaught Best, Special Education Parent Liaison, Yorktown High School, Drew Elementary School, Gunston Middle School; Volunteer, National Alliance on Mental Illness; Liz Ryan, President and CEO, Youth First Initiative; and Melinda Van Lowe, a lawyer in private practice and a substitute Judge for Fairfax County's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. Delegates and alternates asked panel members if they approved raising the threshold for felony theft and larceny to \$1000? How does income affect access to the justice system in Arlington? How does prosecution of young people affect their prospects for education in the future? How does the loss of driver's licenses affect the panel members' clients? What the motivation for the state legislature to increase the number of offenses that could lead to suspension of driver's licenses? Please explain the lack of access to police reports? How long does it take to expunge the criminal records of juveniles? Why aren't jurors given information about the range of punishment until they have convicted someone? What percentage of felony cases in Arlington and Virginia are adjudicated by plea agreements? Does Arlington have a "Know your Rights" program where lawyers visit schools to explain to students what their rights are when they dealing with the police and the consequences of breaking the law?

Resolution on Criminal Justice: A motion was made and seconded in support of a Criminal

Justice resolution which states in relevant part that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends the following state legislative changes be made:

1. Raise the minimum threshold for felony larceny and all theft related felony offenses to \$1000.
2. Revise subsection C of Virginia Code § 18.2-415 (Disorderly Conduct, which is punishable by up to 1 year in jail and/or up to a \$2500 fine) (FN19), as marked below:
C. Willfully or while intoxicated, whether willfully or not, and whether such intoxication results from self-administered alcohol or other drug of whatever nature, disrupts the operation of any school or any activity conducted or sponsored by any school, if the disruption ~~(i) prevents or interferes with the orderly conduct of the operation or activity or~~ (ii) has a direct tendency to cause acts of violence by the person or persons at whom, individually, the disruption is directed.
3. Provide a legal means for individuals charged with offenses when under 18 years of age to expunge their records once they reach majority age.

A motion to amend the language in the third bullet of the resolution's *Therefore* to include "*other than individuals convicted as an adult for a class 1 felony*" was seconded. There were 16 ayes and 16 nays, and the motion did not pass. The main motion was then voted on, and it passed with 32 ayes, 2 nays, and 1 abstention.

Resolution on Virginia Grounds for Driver's License Suspension: A motion was made in favor of the resolution on Virginia Grounds for Driver's License Suspension which states in relevant part that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends the following state legislative changes be made:

Repeal all provisions of state law that suspend or revoke a driver's license that have no relationship to driving offenses or competency to drive an automobile.

The motion was approved with 36 ayes, no nays and no abstentions.

Modernizing ACCF Governance: Matt Wavro, chair of the Incorporation and Bylaws Committee, said his committee would begin a line-by-line review of proposed draft incorporation and bylaws and documents at a series of meetings.

New Business:

Awards Committee: President Banks announced that Jesse Boeding will chair the awards committee for the 2018 Banquet. Michael Beer, Mileva Hartman, Nicole Merlene, and Steffanie Pryor will be the other members of the committee.

Announcements:

Change of Venue for the January 2018 Membership Meeting; The Civic Federation's January 2018 Membership Meeting will be held at 7:30 in the Arlington County Board Room at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard. Information on parking at Courthouse Plaza will be provided on CivFed's website in Constant Contact Bulletins and the January Newsletter.

Updating the 2005 Public Spaces Master Plan: A POPS (A Plan for Our Places and Spaces) meeting criteria the County could use to develop more synthetic or lighted fields., which is designed for the public to provide input on updating the 2005 Public Spaces Master Plan, will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Wednesday, December 6, in the Navy League Building at 2300 Wilson Blvd. A POPS meeting on ways to steward our tree canopy, natural resources and open spaces will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Thursday, December 14, at the Central Library at 1015 N Quincy St.

Housing Commission: The Housing Commission will meet from 7PM to 9PM on Thursday, December 7. in Room 313, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Click here for a link to the Housing Commission's website.

PAC: The Pedestrian Advisory Committee will meet from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on December 13 in the Chery/Dogwood Rooms in 2100 Clarendon Blvd. For more information about this meeting go to the PAC website.

NCAC: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory will meet from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm on December 14 in the Navy League Building at 2300 Wilson Blvd. For information about this meeting, here is a link to the NCAC website.

Arlington County Board: The County Board's December meeting will be held on Saturday, December 16th starting 8:30 a.m. Click here for this meeting's agenda a few days before December 16th. The Board Recessed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19th, starting at 3:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the County Board Room at 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

December Executive Committee Meeting: The CivFed December Executive Committee Meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 on Sunday, December 10, in the community room of Fire Station 2 located at 4805 Wilson Blvd. Delegates and alternates are welcome to attend.

Committee of 100: The Arlington Committee of 100 will have a panel discussion on the question: *Should Washington-Lee High School Change Its Name?* The program will begin at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 13, at Marymount University, 2807 N Glebe Road. For more details, follow this [link](#).

Arlington Commission for the Arts: The Arlington Commission for the Arts will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20th, at Arlington Economic Development (AED) at 1100 N. Glebe Road, 15th Floor. For information about this meeting, here is a link to the Commission for the Arts' website.

January Newsletter: The deadline for January newsletter articles is Thursday, December 21. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary

Agenda
ACCF General Meeting
December 5, 2017

7:00 Call to Order and Announcements
7:10 Country Manager and School Superintendent Panel
8:15 Reports on Legislative Committee Resolutions on Criminal Justice and Virginia Grounds for Driver's License Suspension, Panel Discussion, and Votes
9:00 Old Business
Update on Modernizing CivFed Governance
9:05 New Business
Awards Committee
9:10 Adjourn

ACCF Treasurer's Report
November 1-30, 2017

The November 2017 ACCF Treasurer's report will be filed at the Civic Federation meeting on December 5, 2017.

Checking Account

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| Beginning Balance | | \$7,138.39 |
| 11/1/17 | | |
| Deposits-Dues | | \$544.75 |
| | Checks \$400.00 | |
| | Paypal \$144.75 | |
| Payments/Expenses | | \$0.00 |
| Ending Balance | | \$7,683.15 |
| 11/30/17 | | |

Savings Account

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| Beginning Balance | | \$19,227.69 |
| 11/1/17 | | |
| Deposits | | \$0.00 |
| Interest | | \$0.49 |
| Expenses/Payments | | \$0.00 |
| Ending Balance | | \$19,228.18 |
| 11/30/17 | | |

* - PayPal charges a fee of \$1.75 for every \$50 electronic dues payment

