

Minutes June 4, 2019  
**ACCF Membership Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Federation President Banks noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. President Banks led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda was approved as submitted and the minutes for the May 7, 2019 Membership Meeting were approved as submitted. The May treasurer's report was filed subject to audit.

**Member Organizations All-Stars:** President Banks announced that there were 57 members representing 41 organizations at the May 7, 2019 Membership Meeting and the following member organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present: Arlington Forest Citizens Association; Arlington Heights Civic Association; Bluemont Civic Association; Buckingham Community Civic Association; Columbia Heights Civic Association; League of Women Voters; Lyon Village Citizens Association; Maywood Community Association; Nauck Civic Association; Opera NOVA; Waverly Hills Civic Association and the Woman's Club of Arlington.

**Career Center Video Recording of this Meeting:** President Banks thanked Career Center students Christian Porter, Campbell Hamilton-Howard and Daniela Londono; and Technical Advisor Duane Lomis for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

**New Member Organizations:** President Banks announced that 1 new organization had applied to join CivFed: Lee Highway Alliance.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the organization and it passed by acclamation.

**North Highlands Boundary Expansion:** North Highlands Civic Association submitted a request in Fall 2015 that the area bound by Lee Highway, Route 66 and North Cleveland Street be added to their CA. No questions being asked, President Banks called for a vote on the change request.

The boundary change was approved by unanimous vote.

**Report On Dues:** President Banks announced that the Board had determined that there was no financial need to raise the Dues so they will not be changed and will continue to be \$50 per year for Member Organizations.

**Tim Wise Posthumous General Assembly Certificate:** Del. Patrick Hope presented a certificate approved by the House of Delegates and the Senate honoring the memory of Tim Wise.

**Cultural Affairs Presentation:** Tina Worden ( Chair, Cultural Affairs Committee ) presented a panel of Marsha Semmel ( Chair, Arlington Commission For the Arts ), Deirdre Ehlen (Project Manager, Arlington Public Art Program ), Craig Syphax (Board Member, The Black Heritage Museum of Arlington ), Cynthia Liccese-Torres (Program Coordinator, Arlington Historic Preservation ) and Judith Knudsen ( Manager, The Center for Local History ) who gave brief presentations on cultural affairs in Arlington. Mary Hynes ( former Arlington County Board Member and a member of the steering committee for *Changing Arlington's Narrative on Race* ) moderated. The panel then took comments and answered questions from the Delegates and Alternates. What are some opportunities to work with other groups on a regional basis? Would you consider doing guided historical walking tours? Could there be a contest among schoolchildren for the artwork on the Green Valley signs that are going to be built? An Arts District is being planned for the Four Mile Run area. Is there a possibility that it could be moved to the Lee Highway development area?

**Lee Highway Alliance:** Ginger Brown presented an update on their progress.

**School Scholarship Program:** Lois Koontz presented an update on the program. Due to the decline in participation by member organizations the Board of the program has decided to hand over the scholarship fund to the Arlington Retired Teachers Association ( ARTA ) who will have Arlington Community Foundation administer it going forward. The original program will end, but it's mission will continue. The Civic Federation has been giving between \$250 and \$500 annually to the fund for many years.

#### **Old Business:**

**Resolution on the Use of the 1101 Lee Highway property:** Bernard Berne, an Alternate Delegate of the Buckingham CA, read the resolution ( which primarily requests the County to live up to some promises it made when it acquired the property ). John Seymour, Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee, Duke Banks, POC of the Parks and Recreation Committee and Ben Kenney, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee presented a joint report from their committees on the resolution. Mike McMenamain (Maywood Civic Association) moderated the discussion. After some discussion ( almost entirely positive ) the Resolution was voted on.

There were 33 votes in Favor, 1 Against and 2 Abstained. The resolution passed.

#### **New Business:**

**Introduction of Bylaws Amendment:** Sarah Shortall ( Waverly Hills ) introduced an amendment to the Bylaws that would modify the title of Section 2.03, delete Section 2.03(a)(1), modify Section 2.03(a)(2) and modify Section 2.03(b).

President Banks said he would refer the proposed amendment to the Bylaws Committee and to the Board of Directors.

**June Board of Directors Meeting:** President Banks announced that the June Board of Directors Meeting would be held at 6:30 PM on June 9 at President Elect Sandy Newton's house.

**July Board of Directors Meeting: TBD**

**September 2019 Membership Meeting:** President Banks announced that the September 3, 2019 Membership Meeting will be held in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

**September Newsletter Deadline:** President Banks reminded the meeting that Thursday, August **22d** was the deadline for submitting material for the September newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton