



Minutes

September 8, 2019

Arlington County Civic Federation ("ACCF") Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order at 6:05p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Sandy Newton, Allen Norton, Burt Bostwick, Dennis Gerrity, Mike McMenamin, Stacy Meyer, Eric Cassel and Chanda Choun. Others attending included Jackie Snelling (Public Service Committee Chair) and Duke Banks (Parks and Recreation Committee Chair).

1. Approve minutes of August board meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda for this meeting was made, seconded and approved without exception.

2. Dues/Contact Information/Member Certification update.

Burt: 18 Organizations have paid their dues.

Allen: 20 Organizations have sent in

Contact Sheets and 14 have sent in Member Certifications.

3. Candidate forum review-Sandy

It was not as smooth as I would like, but all the candidates did get their allotted time and there were numerous questions.

4. October program – Rich Dooley and John Vihstadt

Rich Dooley will do a presentation on the Community Energy Plan.

John Vihstadt was not able to come to the meeting, but Sandy described his program. It will be on the County's Housing Initiative. There will a panel consisting of Richard Tucker, County Housing Dept., Peter Rousselot, ArlNow Columnist and Terry Clower, GMU Center for Regional Analysis.

Note: A number of Board members were concerned about Peter Rousselot's neutrality.

A vote was taken. 4 voted for him, 1 voted against and 3 abstained.

Note: It was suggested that every Committee Chair be encouraged to attend the October Membership meeting and sign-up sheets be available for people interested in joining a committee.

5. Public Services update-Jackie

Human Trafficking: Jackie and Sandy met with the Police and went to a Seminar. They are continuing to work on the scope of the program. There appears to be a significant mental health component. A problem is that there are not enough safe care facilities right now.

6. Parks update-Duke

The Parks Committee will issue a white paper later this year on the status of parks today.

7. Arts update-Tina

Tina Worden was not able to come to the meeting

8. November program update-Sandy

State Senators and Delegates will describe the issues they intend to work on in the coming Legislative session. The Constitutional Officers will also be there to describe the issues they want to work on next year. Only State Senators and Delegates who had uncontested elections will be invited.

Note: It had been intended to do a program on Stormwater also, but there will not be enough time so it will be put off.

9. Computer issues:

Dennis made a motion that we buy the latest version of “ Access “ software for the Secretary. The motion passed unanimously. It was decided to put the purchase on hold until after Chanda’s software review.

Allan got our laptop back from Ms. Merlene. It is broken. It was purchased in Nov 2018 for \$350. Chanda will look for the paperwork to check the warranty.

Chanda pointed out that if we buy a new laptop, we don’t have to buy the software. We can rent it. He will review software packages.

Old Business

Sarah Shortall made a motion at the June ACCF meeting to amend the Bylaws. It was to be voted on at the September meeting, but was not. For health reasons, Ms. Shortall was not able to defend it. The Board decided by unanimous vote to table the amendment. Ms. Shortall will be asked if she wants to withdraw it.

New Business

Burt: We should advertise more to raise our profile.

Chanda: There will be a Communication Report at the October Board meeting.

Sandy: Crystal City Rotary may want to join CivFed.

Burt and Allen will work on defining a set of Standing Rules. They will need to be put in Board Resolution

format once they are completed. There is also a need to clarify the selection process for committee members.

It was suggested that, as many of our committees are short-handed, we combine some of them at times.

The October Board meeting will be held on October 20th at Firehouse #2 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton