

Minutes February 23, 2020

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

Call to Order at 6:03 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Sandy Newton, Allan Gajadhar, Burt Bostwick, Allen Norton, Dennis Gerrity, Stacy Meyer and Tina Worden. Others attending included Jackie Snelling (Public Services Committee Chair) and Anne Lancaster (Waycroft-Woodlawn).

Minutes: The January Board Meeting minutes were accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report**: We have \$21,225 (several accounts). Have about \$6,000 in our low-paying Wel ls-Fargo account and will move \$3,000 to our better-paying Credit Union CD. Have a work-around for the PayPal problem. They send us checks which are then deposited into our Wells-Fargo account. When it is possible, intend to kill the existing PayPal account and start a new one (set up properly).

## **Dues/Contact Sheet/Organization Certification Status For Member Organizations:**

Have Paid dues: 70

Submitted Contact Sheet: 42

Submitted Certification: 31

- Note: It appears that 22 organizations have not paid their dues. They were divided up between 7 Board members. Dennis said that we have not had any contact with 3 of them for several years. If we can ever get in touch with them they will be asked if they still want to be members.
- Note: A Maywood Representative paid their dues to Burt in cash during the meeting.

## Website Update: Burt

Have not done much other than general testing this month.

Mike: Where is Meeting Video kept? Sandy: There is a link to it on the Web site – Tom sends it to Adam. Jackie: The current Board and Officers link in the About-Us drop-down goes to the **past** Board and Officers. Burt will ask Adam to fix it.

## Membership Status: Dennis

The "Arlington Neighborhood Village" has been sent an application package, but has not replied yet.

## **Programs: Sandy**

March 17<sup>th</sup>: Grant Program COVID-19 coronavirus & flu ( maybe )

April 21<sup>st</sup>: School Board Mental Health Panel ( Adult )- Jackie Snelling A Mental Health Resolution will be introduced in April.

## May 19<sup>th</sup>:

Commonwealth Attorney Parisa Dehghani-Tafti may be available. May be a deer program - Mike

#### Committee Rules, Sandy:

The Chair of the Legislation Committee sent a large FOIA request to the County Manager last week. Shouldn't requests under the CivFed letterhead go through the President?

#### **Status of Other Resolutions:**

Livability, Stacy Meyer;

Will present in March. Still need to add the "Whereas " clauses.

#### **R&E**, Burt: There are two:

1. The County keeps high Reserves. Are they more than necessary? Need an expert review.

2. The County Auditor needs more resources ( at present there is one person with no staff ).

#### Juvenile Detention Center, Jackie Snelling:

On hold until the Moss Group study on the JDC is finished - which should be in April or May. Program will be presented in May or June.

Flooding, Jackie Snelling:

The resolution was passed last November. The action now is Follow Up - the County has not yet completed a first draft of their plan.

## Bonus Density, Bernie Berne:

Haven't heard from the reviewing Committees.

Note: John Vistadt (Housing Committee Chair) said that, due to a County Board vote, the resolution may no longer accomplish anything..

## Widening of the WO&D Trail, Duke Banks:

On hold pending the announcement of the County position on the project.

#### **Upcoming Issues:**

Burt: Vote on R&E Resolutions.

Mike: Arlington's deer overpopulation problem.

Eric: The new CIP.

A program on Criminal Justice.

Mike: The proposed 30-Story building in Rosslyn may cause an aircraft OEO problem.

## **Banquet:**

It will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn.

Sandy: Unfortunately, there will be taxes and other fees we didn't have to pay at Ft. Myer last year.

We are taking our own projector, but they are charging us for the screen. They will have a cash bar - there is no ATM there, though. They will charge for parking ( unless we can talk the Manager out of it ).

Sandy: There are four menu choices. Dennis has completed a draft invitation. We will use Kinko's for printing, but there will also be online invitations. The Speaker will be Eric Schaeffer of the Signature Theatre. We will need a short bio of him for the newsletter. He will be introduced by Sandy ( if available ) or Tina.

# Raffle for next Meeting:

Stacy will look for a prize (  $\sim$  \$25).

Old Business: None

## New Business:

Sandy said that, due to heart surgery, she will not be able to run the March meeting. Allan Gajadhar will do it.

The March Board meeting will be held on March 22nd at Firehouse #2 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton