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Meeting Notice

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 7:30 p.m. Hazel Auditorium Virginia Hospital Center 1701 N George Mason Drive Arlington, VA 22205 www.civfed.org

Agenda

7:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Approve agenda
Officer reports
Member delegate announcements

7:40 Elect Civic Federation 2011 Nominating Committee

7:50 Consider Adoption of Special Rule for Budget and Tax Rate program

8:10 Budget and Tax Rate program

9:40 New Business

9:50 Adjourn

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New Guest for Annual Banquet

Former State Senator, Mary Margaret Whipple, will be the keynote speaker at the Federation's Annual Banquet, which will be held on Friday, April 13, 2012. Ms. Whipple has served Arlington residents for over three decades including the School Board, the County Board and the last 16 years as Virginia Senate for the 31st District. She has graciously agreed to replace Mr. Peter Katz, the former Director of Planning, who resigned from the County in early March.

Click the following link to get a copy of the invitation: http://civfed.org/baninvvite12.pdf. If you have questions about the banquet, please contact Peter Olivere at Peterolivere@civfed.org.

Executive Committee News

Jim Lantelme, Chair jim@civfed.org
Burt Bostwick, Vice-Chair burt@civfed.org

The Executive Committee met on March 12, 2012, to discuss the April 3 general meeting. (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

The Executive Committee will meet on April 9, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs, and organize the January Civic Voice newsletter.

Federation Still Needs Secretary

The Civic Federation is still looking for someone to serve as Secretary. The Secretary works with the President and Chair of the Executive Committee to send out all meeting notices and communications, in addition to taking the meeting minutes. It is not a requirement that you be a delegate or alternate delegate to serve in this capacity. If you are interested in serving in this position, or have a name to suggest, please contact James Schroll at james@civfed.org.

Federation Still Needs Committee Chairs

The Civic Federation is still looking for Committee Chairs for the Legislation and Special Events Committees. If you are interested in serving as chair of either of these committees, or have a name to suggest, please contact James Schroll at james@civfed.org.

Committee News

Revenues and Expenditures Committee

The Revenues and Expenditures Committee has been working hard to prepare the budget report for consideration at the April 3 meeting. They will be wrapping up their budget report at a meeting on Saturday, March 31 from 1-4pm at the Walter Reed Community Center (conference room), 2909 16th St. S.

If you have questions, please contact Wayne Kubicki at Wayne@civfed.org.

Meeting Program

Election of Nominating Committee

Pursuant to Section 2 of Article IV of the Civic Federation's Bylaws, it is necessary to elect the regular meeting in April, a nominating Committee of five (5) members shall be elected by ballot by the membership of the Federation, from nominations from the floor. A plurality elects. If there are no more than five nominees, elections may be by voice vote. Nominees must be delegates or alternate delegates of the Federation. It shall be the duty of this Committee to nominate at least one candidate for each office, and at least five members to serve on the Executive Committee. The nominees for office and for the Executive Committee shall be delegates or alternate delegates of the Federation and shall maintain the status of delegate or alternate delegate during their term of service. The Nominating Committee shall submit its report in writing to all the delegates through the newsletter, or by other appropriate means, and shall report at the annual meeting in June, at which time nominations from the floor shall be permitted with the consent of the nominee.

Special Rule for Revenues and Expenditures Committee Program

Civic Federation member delegates will hear reports from the Revenues and Expenditures Committee and Schools Committee about their studies of the budgets proposed by the County Manager and Superintendent. The reports will be combined for discussion by Civic Federation member delegates but voted on separately. Following past precedent and due to the complexity and length of the budget proposals, the separate reports will not be subject to motions to amend and after discussion will be put to Civic Federation member delegates for two up or down votes to adopt the reports as a Civic Federation resolution. Additionally, the committees may provide separate items for member delegate discussion and vote.

A member delegates vote is anticipated after hearing and discussing the special rule.

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Copies of the Budget Report will be available at the April 3 meeting. The Budget Report will be posted on the Federation's website a few days before the meeting.

<u>Delegate votes are expected after the presentation</u>

Please review the proposed budgets submitted by the County Manager and Superintendent by clicking the links below.

- County Manager's Proposed Budget: http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/ManagementAndFinance/budget/file84988.pdf
- Superintendent's Proposed Budget: http://www.apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/C entricity/Domain/99/SuperintendentsProposed Budget FY2013.pdf

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business from the January 3, 2012, Civic Federation meeting is anticipated to come before the Civic Federation on April 3, 2012.

General and Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Month	Primary Program Topic	General Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting
April	Budget and Tax Rate	Tuesday 3	Monday 9
May	To be determined	Tuesday 1	Monday 7
June	To be determined & Civic Federation election	Tuesday 5	Monday 11

Executive Committee meetings will be held on the Monday following the General Meeting. They will be held at 7:30pm at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2).

Civic Federation Committee Chairs

Civic Federation committees study community-wide policy issues in their jurisdiction and report to the Civic Federation's member organization delegates. All Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates should serve on a committee. If you are not already serving on a committee, please review the jurisdictions (www.civfed.org/committe.htm) and email the committee chair to sign up.

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Chair Jim Lantelme; Vice Chair Burt Bostwick	jim@civfed.org; burt@civfed.org
Airport	Steve Geiger	steveg@civfed.org
Awards	Elected by membership December 7, 2011	to be determined
Audit	Robert Atkins	to be determined
Bylaws	Jean Mostrom	703-532-0452
Community Relations	Sharon Rogers	sharon@civfed.org
Cultural Affairs	Barbara Olivere	barbara@civfed.org
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Environmental Affairs	Joe Pelton	joepelton@civfed.org
Housing	Kathryn Scruggs	kathryn@civfed.org
Legislation	Chair(s) needed	to be determined
Membership	Mileva Hartman	mileva@civfed.org
911 Scholarships	Jim Pebley	jim@civfed.org
Nominating	To be elected by membership April 3, 2012	to be determined
Parks and Recreation	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
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Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore and Larry Mayer	larrymayer@civfed.org
Public Services	Sal D'Itri	sal@civfed.org
Revenues and Expenditures	Wayne Kubicki	wayne@civfed.org
Schools	Michael Beer	michaelbeer@civfed.org
Special Events	Chair(s) needed	to be determined
Transportation	Jerry Auten	jerry@civfed.org