

Draft Minutes
January 26, 2020

Arlington County Civic Federation (“ACCF”)
Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Sandy Newton, Allan Gajadhar, Burt Bostwick, Allen Norton, Dennis Gerrity and Stacy Meyer. Others attending included Jackie Snelling (Public Services Committee Chair); Duke Banks (Parks and Recreation Committee Chair) and Tina Worden (Cultural Affairs Committee Chair).

Minutes: The December Board Meeting minutes were accepted as amended (spelling).

Treasurer’s Report: We have plenty of money. Have paid annual fee for Web site and for DOE Insurance (\$1,400 total). Will move some money from our low-paying Wells-Fargo account to our better-paying Credit Union CD. Still having problems with PayPal. Can get checks from them, but can’t transfer money directly to our Wells-Fargo account. When it is possible, intend to kill the existing PayPal account and start a new one (set up properly).

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

Have Paid dues: 60
Submitted Contact Sheet: 41
Submitted Certification: 29

Note: Another 3 Organizations may have paid dues, but the records from the handover period aren’t clear. Burt will contact them.

Membership-DAR and Neighborhood Friends Status: Dennis

The “Arlington Chapter of the DAR” has completed its application and is on track for a February vote. The “Arlington Neighborhood Village” has been sent an application package, but has not replied yet.

Website Update: Dennis/Burt: Membership & Payment pages updated, but need to be checked.

Suggestions:

Duke: Need Reports as well as Resolutions, keep Video Records up to date.

Jackie: Create pages for Committees, consider adding a link to a comprehensive Lyon Village Website page.

Board Vacancy-Nominating Committee Status: Duke Replacement needed for Chanda Choun.

Two people have expressed interest so far. Nicole Merlene (NoVa Normal) and Tina Worden (Shirlington Dogs II). Ms. Merlene has said she was only interested in filling out Chanda’s term. Ms. Worden is willing to run for next year’s Board also.

Individuals interested in running need to notify the Secretary at least 14 days before the member meeting.

A notice requesting more candidates will be put in a Constant Contact email (or the Newsletter).

Comment: Need a mentoring plan for potential Board members.

Resolution Status-Stacy: Livability - Comments came in from 2 committees, the others had no objections.

Have edited the resolution, but need to finish it.

Suggestions:

Duke: Needs a short executive summary. Jackie: Need to define Livability.

Resolution Path: (Edits + Summary) > Send to committees > Comments > Present to Membership.

Status of Other Resolutions:

Juvenile Detention Center, Ron Haddox and Juliet Hiznay:

On hold until the Moss Group study on the JDC is finished.

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.

Programs for February 18th Meeting:

Meeting with the School Board,

Michael Beer program,

Mental Health Panel (Youth)- Jackie Snelling

R&E will introduce two Resolutions.

Programs for March 17th Meeting:

Mental Health Panel (Adult)- Jackie Snelling

A Mental Health Resolution will be introduced in March.

Future Program Ideas?:

Burt: Vote on R&E Resolutions.

Old Business:

Unitarian Church wants to join: The Board could not reach a consensus. It was decided to Table the issue.

Follow-Up from Jan 2nd Meeting: A question should go in the Newsletter asking the Member Organizations if they have had difficulties with Arlington Facilities over Liability issues.

Banquet:

(Will be April 17th at Joint Base Myer-Henderson)

Speaker: Sandy: Amazon has replied to requests, but with NO specific or useful information.

Speaker: Mike: Have started the process of contacting Senator Kaine's office.

Alternate Speaker: None identified, but Sandy is looking for possible ones.

Invitations: Sandy – They will go out in Feb – Mar.

Awards: An Awards Committee has been established.

New Business:

The Standing Rules need to be updated and put into Board Resolution format: Allen, Burt

Comments:

Sandy: There are too many programs predetermined by tradition (Duke said it was about 65%). If we appoint one, the Program Chair won't have much to do.

Other Comments:

How many people are on the committees and who are they?

There should be Committee organizational meetings in the Summer (August).

The February Board meeting will be held on February 23rd at Firehouse #2 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton