



General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2021

Call to Order: meeting started at 7:36 pm.

Board Updates and Issues:

1. First Vice President (Bill Barfield):

External affairs update:

- Has gathered over 90 names from past documents of people who have served CCVCA. Also has 50 years of newsletters. Fun facts:
 - The land use problems we are having today were also going on in 1978.
 - Bob Mizer took over Neighborhood Watch in 1990.
- Zoning modernization has caused so much strife that some folks have banded together and found an attorney to fight it pro bono.
- River Farm was for sale but Fairfax County BOS is in the process of putting a historic overlay district around the property.
- Fairfax County budget was passed. One cent decrease in property taxes, but values have gone up substantially.
- Democratic primary early voting is going on right now.
- A new DMV is proposed for our area where the Northern Virginia Training Center used to be. The surrounding neighborhoods are opposed, citing increased traffic. Supervisor Walkinshaw and the Braddock District Land Use Committee are in favor. DMV is exempt from zoning ordinances and the state can do what it wants, but we can write to Walkinshaw to express our opinion on the matter. There is plenty of parking at Fair Oaks Mall, so why are they moving?

2. Second Vice President (Diana Michel):

Internal affairs update:

- We have 231 members, can expect a few more. 177 are returning members.
- Yard Sale this Saturday, May 1.

3. Treasurer (Theresa Kessler):

- \$22,326.61 in checking account and \$5,025.27 in savings account. We have extra money since so many events were canceled due to COVID-19.
- \$3,320.00 in dues collected so far.
- Collected \$3,111.33 for Scholarship fund. There was an anonymous donation of \$1,000 and the scholarship committee members all chipped in extra.

4. President (Amye Rheault):

- 2021 Nominations – Diane reported that all current Board members are continuing on in their positions. Cheryl Osborne was recruited for the Robinson rep position and Fran DelVecchio for the GMU rep. A motion to accept current people to remain in their positions was carried.
- We are seeking interns/volunteers for CCVCA document storage, as we have lots of paper that needs to be digitized. Please put out the word.
- Despite the pandemic, we accomplished a lot in the last six months!
 - Halloween and Christmas decorating contests.
 - Food truck Thursdays.
 - We thanked ALL of our volunteers in the last newsletter and sent it to every household.
 - Family friendly stream cleanup.
 - Boy Scout, Andrew Harmon, sanded and painted the railing for the path to Oak View Elementary on the Gadsen side.
- How can we best use FB and Next Door to represent our community?
- New and improved website as of January 2021 – thanks to the Wade family!
- We want to make sure that volunteers have a role that they can be successful in.

Program:

Hana Newcomb, Potomac Vegetable Farms, potomacvegetablefarms.com

- Potomac Vegetable Farms is located 12 miles away near Tysons Corner and is a family-owned farm operating for the last 60 years. Also have acreage in Loudoun County.
- The farm is a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).
 - Very beneficial to farmers because they don't need to rely on loans to start the season.
 - Customers buy subscriptions for 25 weeks of food in the summer and 9 weeks in the fall. They have about 700 customers.
- Food is organic.
- Can make selections in person at the Tysons farm, or just accept what is selected on-line when you pick up at the drop off location 10513 Dillard Court.

- They go to several local Farmers Markets on the weekends.
- Hana feels that there should be farms where you live. Although now surrounded by suburbs, Potomac Vegetable Farms has no plans to sell to a developer.

Committee Updates:

1. Public Service (Bob Mizer):

- Minimal budget cuts to Public Safety. All police officers will have body cams.
- New fire station at Burke Center Parkway and Rt. 123 is coming soon. Old station will be torn down and new one built in the next 18 months. A temporary station will be located a little farther down towards the Parkway.
- 170 firefighters got COVID and several are still really sick.
- We have a new police chief, Kevin Davis.
- It is extremely hard to get paramedics right now.
- Stockade fencing is going up on both sides of the Oakview path from Gadsen Dr. This area should be checked out by Neighborhood Watch patrollers.

2. Schools (Aileen Winqvist and Fran DelVecchio):

- Oak View Elementary
 - Expanded to 4 days/week Tuesday-Friday. Starts at 9 am now.
 - Will be 5 days/week this fall.
 - Please do not use the playgrounds during school hours.
 - Erosion issue with the staircase on Concordia side. Needs more stones to keep the soil from washing down. Plants don't survive due to bikes and kids. Supervisor Walkinshaw will see whether we can get some help.
- George Mason University
 - GMU graduation will be virtual, except for some small groups on the soccer fields.
 - No high schools are having graduation ceremonies at GMU this year, so no traffic problems expected.

3. Newsletter (Laura Mayer):

- Summer edition is coming up soon.

4. Beautification (Bertha and Peter McClintock):

- Mulched, weeded, and trimmed the garden beds for our entrance signs.
- Will wait a couple more weeks to plant flowers.

5. Scholarship (Bob Coffin):

- The committee interviewed three young ladies. Since they were all excellent, they all will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. They will be announced in the next newsletter.

- Teacher thank you of \$50 will be given to each teacher who had the greatest influence on the awardees.

6. Welcoming (Bertha McClintock):

- Has delivered 16 packets so far this year.
- Please let her know if you see a new family move into the community.

7. Events (Sherrie Brady):

- **Thank you** to Lorenda for scheduling the food trucks and to Aileen for spearheading the stream cleanup!
- Yard sale this Saturday, May 1.
- Musicians on Ames St. are planning an event in the park.
- Memorial Day (11 am) - ceremony and picnic (bring your own) in the park.
 - Mini- Rolling Thunder will come through
 - Wreath and Color Guard
 - Plan to have a speaker
 - Closing ceremony
 - Bagpiper
- Need ideas for June-July!
- August 3 – National Night Out. Fairfax Police Department will stop by since we are registered. Block captains could host small gatherings and can receive \$25 from the budget to help cover costs.

8. Women's Club (Karen Hauck):

- Their last meeting featured someone from the City of Fairfax who showed them colorful, beautiful fashions.

9. Past Presidents (Steve Belisle):

- Will get a list together of people who can help mentor new office holders and share historical knowledge.

Outstanding Tasks:

1. Scout idea for an art installation – the scout decided to do something different, but if this comes up again we now know how to handle an art installation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Beatty
CCVCA Secretary