



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023

Attendees: Bill Barfield, Diana Michel, Barbara Beatty, Theresa Kessler, Bob Mizer, Sherrie Brady, Diane Carnahan, Bertha McClintock

Others Present: Regan Miller

Call to Order: Bill Barfield, filling in for Amye Rheault, called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Board Updates and Issues:

Motion was passed to approve the November 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

1. First Vice President (Bill):

External affairs update:

- Bill has been in touch with the Boy Scouts regarding issue of them and other non-profits being charged to use the public schools for meetings and activities. The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations will be putting something forward to the school supervisors regarding this issue. Is there an ordinance for this? More information to come in the future.
- Under the guise of “Removing Barriers,” the Fairfax County Public Schools Board is attempting to change the admissions standards for Thomas Jefferson High School of Science & Technology, a nationally recognized Virginia Governors School. The effect actually lowers TJ admission standards which defeats the purpose providing challenging education for exceptional students. Bill will keep us posted.

2. Second Vice President (Diana):

Internal affairs update:

- Diana reported that she has processed 112 members. There are still more to process that the Treasurer passed on to her this evening.
- She will reach out to residents who have not joined for 2023 in the next week.

3. Treasurer (Barbara):

- Barbara reported the current balance in the checking account at \$23,411.93.
- The Federation has not yet cashed their 2022 dues check.
- There continues to be an issue with the scholarship money sent to a school abroad for one of the 2022 scholarship winners. After many attempts from Barbara trying to resolve this issue, the executive committee and board of directors present at the meeting, approved that Barbara give the scholarship funds to the scholarship winner. This is not the first time the Association has had difficulties in getting scholarship funds sent abroad. It was suggested that future scholarships that require being sent abroad should be paid directly to the scholarship winner.

4. President (Amye): Not present. Report shared by Bill Barfield.

- Reminder – One or two sentences for the Annual Report due to Amye by Friday, January 27, 2023.
- Amye has been successful with recruiting one person for the nominations committee, Tony Teolis.
- There was discussion around two additional candidates for the three person nominations committee.
- Diana Michel will contact Bill Swietlik and Sherrie Brady will contact Willow Bodman to see if they are interested in being on the nominations committee.

Committee Updates:

1. Public Service/Neighborhood Watch (Bob M.):

- Neighborhood has been virtually crime free for the last three weeks.
- Concerning light not working in the parking lot of University Mall near the entrance to Gadsen Drive, and the light just outside the parking lot at the end of Gadsen Drive: one light has been fixed (one in the parking lot) but there is still discussion around whose responsibility it is to maintain the light at the end of Gadsen Drive outside of the parking lot.
- Need new volunteers for Neighborhood Watch.

2. Events (Sherrie):

- Curb signs needed for the Halloween Spooky Trail and Sherrie is currently working on getting proposals.
- Will update the events calendar with edits.

3. Women's Club (Diane):

- The club has 14 members.
- Club will have a speaker from The Lamb Center in March.
- Diane will need to inquire as to whether the Women's Club will sponsor the raffle at the 2023 Ice Cream Social.

4. Beautification (Bertha):

- The landscape timbers around the sign at route 123 need replacing.
- Suggested to Bertha that she reach out to the Boy Scouts for assistance.

5. Events: Holiday Home Decorating Contest (Regan Miller):

- Regan Miller, Re/Max Real Estate Agent and a 2021 winner, was one of the judges and sponsored the 2022 contest.
- Regan would like to sponsor the 2023 contest.
- There were less houses decorated in 2022 than in 2021.
- Discussion around moving the announcement of the December Holiday Decorating Contest from the December newsletter to the September newsletter.
- The plan is to continue to use prior year winners as judges.

6. Website (Wade Family): Not present. Committee update provided by email.

- A "human checker" question was added to the Welcome New Neighbor! and Contact Us forms. This prevents a script or bot from automatically posting advertisements or other content into these forms.
- The Stream Clean Up page was added to the Events section.
- The 2023 Membership Application forms and Scholarship Application have been updated.
- Calendar events have been added.
- Photo sliders have been updated.

Action Items:

1. Barbara will get in touch with scholarship recipient that has yet to receive funds due to issue with wiring funds abroad. Barbara will find out the least complicated way to get the funds directly to the 2022 scholarship.
2. Diana will contact Bill Swietlik to see if he is interested in being on the nominations committee.
3. Sherrie will contact Willow Bodman to see if she is interested in being on the nominations committee.
4. All Board Members: Email your one or two sentence report to Amye by January 27, 2023.
5. Bertha to reach out to Boy Scouts to see if they can assist with installing new timbers at the neighborhood sign at 123.
6. Diane will talk with the women's committee to see if they are willing to sponsor the raffle at the 2023 Ice Cream Social.
7. Sherrie will continue to work on getting proposals for signs for the Halloween event before she works with TJ McCurdy on the design of the sign.
8. Bill to write a Thank You note to the Wade family.
9. Bill to write article for the March newsletter on the rules of street parking campers, RVs, boats and trailers.
10. Diana will check with neighbor to see if he would be willing to write article on native plants for a newsletter.
11. Executive Committee/Board: Let this serve as a reminder that the December Holiday Decorating Contest announcement should be included in the September newsletter.

Outstanding Tasks:

1. Bill Barfield offered to reach out to an attorney to discuss the legal aspects of the relationship between CCVCA / Boy Scout Troops / Girl Scout Troops, as it relates to federal and state reporting and the pros and cons of using one Federal EIN Number for all or a separate number for each.
2. Ice Cream Social Raffle – park fees concern. This was originally brought up at the General Membership Meeting in September. At this evening’s meeting it was suggested that we get Larry Beatty, CCVCA’s Parks Liaison Committee Chair, involved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Next Board meeting will be **February 27, 2023, 7:30 pm**, at the Rheault residence.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Kessler

CCVCA Secretary

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