

**Ravensworth Farm Civic Association General Membership Meeting**  
**Final Minutes**  
**May 28, 2009 – 7:40pm**

**Introduction**

The May general membership meeting of the association was held at Ravensworth Elementary School. Steve Price called the meeting to order.

The March 26, 2009 general membership minutes were approved.

**Pool**

Amy Reynolds, President of the Ravensworth Farm Swim and Racquet Club (RFS&RC), thanked the membership for their \$500 check to the pool. She explained that a portion of the money was spent on trimming, weeding, and mulching the Holly bush hedge along the parking lot. She reported on additional efforts to spruce up the pool (e.g., possible long-term landscaping, re-strapping pool chairs), all of which would enhance the appearance of both the pool and neighborhood. She also discussed the many activities currently planned for the season (e.g., Elvis night June 27, pig roast, ladies brunch, happy hours, family nights, Master Swim). Everyone was encouraged to join the pool and take part in the fun summer activities!

**Committee Updates**

S. Price reported that he and Anita Bhatnagar, the new chair of the Schools and Education Committee, presented a \$500 check from RFCA to the Principal of the Ravensworth Elementary School. The school will put the money towards another Smart Board. It is the hope for next year that the RFCA and the PTA will work together on a project that is more readily visible to both communities.

S. Price introduced Melanie Bennett, the new chair of the Welcome Committee. A. Reynolds volunteered to help on the Welcome Committee.

S. Price informed the membership that Becky Weiser offered to help with Advertising in both the Farmer and the Directory, and Lisa Meyers is overseeing directory distribution, replacing Julia Johnson.

A volunteer is still needed for Neighborhood Watch.

**Budget**

Richmon Tun provided an update on the budget. Currently, the civic association is spending less than projected. Due to the level of revenue, less will need to be withdrawn from savings.

## **Board Elections**

Steve Beste announced that he was stepping down as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Board, but would stay involved by continuing to help with the Directory. He reviewed the duties of each officer on the Board of the civic association. Linda Beste nominated Richmon Tun for the position of Treasurer. The nomination was seconded and nominations were closed. All approved R. Tun for the position of Treasurer.

Shepard Martin nominated Hans Jansen for the position of Corresponding Secretary. The nomination was seconded and nominations were closed. All approved H. Jansen for the position of Corresponding Secretary.

Ellen Eggerton nominated Katherine Craig for the position of Recording Secretary. The nomination was seconded and nominations were closed. All approved K. Craig for the position of Recording Secretary.

L. Beste nominated Dean Fix for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The nomination was seconded and nominations were closed. All approved D. Fix for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

L. Beste nominated Ellen Eggerton for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. The nomination was seconded and nominations were closed. All approved E. Eggerton for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

E. Eggerton nominated Steve Price for the position of President. The nomination was seconded and nominations were closed. All approved S. Price for the position of President.

## **School Boundary Change**

E. Eggerton reported on the status of the Lake Braddock school district boundary change. A representative from Lake Braddock would not come and speak to the membership, because the proposed change is not yet official. Once the boundary change becomes official, then meetings will be arranged. The RFCA will keep the membership informed through the summer of any changes or developments. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up, if they have not already done so, on the civic association website for informative emails.

Mary Lipsey, a retired teacher from Lake Braddock High School, voiced her opinion on the proposed boundary change. The secondary and high school at Lake Braddock is separate. The only time the two mix is during change of classes. Also, high school kids are not interested or want anything to do with the younger kids. She also pointed out that 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Lake Braddock High School can take high school classes, which is not a possibility at Annandale. Also, overcrowding is a serious concern at Annandale. Lake Braddock is one of the top 100 schools in the nation. M. Lipsey praises both schools and pointed out that change is hard.

## **HOT Lanes**

E. Eggerton provided an update on the HOT lanes. She believes sound walls along the ramps by the Ravensworth Shopping center, all the way back to Port Royal Road, will be constructed. Construction will be complete in 2011. Cut-through traffic has not seemed to be too bad. After construction is complete, a tree assessment will be done. There is no guarantee who will do the assessment or the amount of trees planted.

*E. Eggerton will ask VDOT to look into the accident history at the intersection of Queensberry and Braddock.* Many members feel a better traffic light is needed at this intersection. Turn arrows are needed for both cars turning west off of Queensberry onto Braddock and cars turning out of the REC Center heading towards the beltway.

*E. Eggerton will also check on the status of the pedestrian food bridge over the beltway at Wakefield.* The membership wants to ensure this bridge is not taken down.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

M. Lipsey provided an update on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the neighborhood. In the winter around the holidays, the Belgium horses sleigh ride will be held at the Ravensworth Elementary School. Hot chocolate will be served. Then in the spring, a potluck with DJ would be held at the school. There would be lots of games and activities, including the hokie-pokie, hula-hoops, hop-scotch. If anyone would like to help out with organizing the celebration or have any ideas, please contact M. Lipsey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.