

October General Membership Meeting Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
January 10, 2023 | 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Wendy Henley, Vice President of the South County Federation (SCF), called the Monthly Membership meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORT:

A. Secretary- Ms. Angelina Fuller

The meeting minutes for December will be approved at the February meeting.

B. Treasurer Report- Keith Shovlin

Mr. Shovlin provided the financial update as follows:

Truist Checking	\$419.00
Nuveen (TIA CREFF) Money Market Account (MMA)	\$6,818.24
Total	\$7,237.24

Truist account has been setup for online banking. \$750 transferred from Nuveen account to Truist to avoid monthly service fee. Check reimbursement for Nick Firth's Zoom account in the amount of \$107 to be paid this month.

C. South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report- Casey Whitmarsh

Mr. Whitmarsh introduced himself and stated that many events are occurring very shortly. The following are the key items shared:

1. The small business spotlight: Brian Gottlieb a realtor with PenFed Realty. <https://briangottlieb.penfedrealty.com/> or 703-337-3751
2. Lorton Holiday Extravaganza was a great success, as well as the December STIR event. Photos and recap are available on the Chamber's website.
3. South County Football Banquet is next week. For more information on the SCF Football Alumni Association, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/SCFootballAlumni/>

III. SUPERVISORS REPORT:

A. Supervisor Dan Storck

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck greeted the membership and began to deliver his update as follows.

1. Upcoming virtual SSPA meeting will concentrate on South County areas. Jan 19 at 7 pm. Call In Number: +1 571-429-5982, Conference ID: 203 551 170#
2. 36th Annual Town Meeting: February 11 at Mount Vernon High School. Vendor Hall opens at 7:45 am. Formal meeting starts at 9:30 am.
3. Workhouse Masterplan Community Meeting. February 15 from 7-9 pm at the McGuire Woods Gallery. VMDO consultant will present 3 design concepts for community feedback.
4. Mason Neck Fire. House fire on River Drive left a family homeless. Still investigating cause of fire. GoFundMe has been set up to assist the family. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/kxsigu-davis-family-house-fire-fund?qid=e22f04220525ce65837595c533316484>
5. Project Firefighter at South County High School. South County High School leadership has created an Amazon wish list to purchase items for care baskets that will be distributed to the fire stations.

6. Noman Cole Sewage Treatment Plant. Completed most recent phase of necessary repairs and installation to support a new disinfection system. Quality of effluent has improved.

Supervisor Storck Q & A:

Q1: Mr. Larry Clark- Looking for information on the future of North Campus for Ft. Belvoir and its impact on the surrounding traffic.

A1: Will have an update at Town Hall, as construction is getting ready to start.

Q2: Mr. Dale Rumberger – I read that the Chairman of the Board is looking to identify a site for a COVID memorial. My recommendation would be for the memorial be placed at the Government Center, but it is a tricky subject as the timing to allocate resources and funding for those efforts comes as South County has seen its allocated funding shifted away from already approved projects.

Q3: Mr. Keith Shovlin: Election site is outdated. When will it be updated?

A3: Will follow-up. Christine mentioned that Storck’s office is an early voting location and they are gearing up by reserving rooms. State Board of elections site may be another resource.

B. Supervisor Pat Herrity

Supervisor Herrity was not in attendance nor represented in the meeting.

C. Mount Vernon District School Board Representative- Karen Corbett-Sanders

Ms. Corbett-Sanders greeted the membership and presented the following:

1. Esser Fund Expenditures & Results. Reading and math scores exceed state average and we are back to pre-pandemic levels on math and just shy of them for reading.
2. Strategic Plan. Over 102,000 surveys received with community forums scheduled at SCHS on Feb 7 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
3. Sexually Explicit Material Opt-Out. Parents can be notified of materials in general curriculum & be able to opt out of students participation with an alternative assignment.
4. Voluntary Resolution on Compensatory Measures for Students with Disabilities (IEP and Section 504). Virtual Information Sessions tonight 7-9 pm, Jan 12 from 9-11 am and Jan 17 from 7-9 pm.
5. Upcoming Curriculum nights – informational session for rising 9th grade families- at South County High School on January 24 from 6-7:30.
6. Marijuana Awareness meeting will be held at South County on Thursday, January 19 at 6 pm in the library. Hosted by Ms. Catric Marshall, SCHS Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist & Officer James Cottom, SCHS School Resource Officer
7. Preparing Families for Difficult Conversations about Alcohol and Drugs. Thursday, March 16 at South County Middle School 6-8 PM *Adults Only
8. Upcoming Academy Open Houses: Edison Academy: Feb 4; West Potomac Academy: Jan 18.

D. Fairfax County Park Authority- Linwood Gorham

Mr. Gorham greeted the membership and shared the following items.

1. Notice to proceed has been issued for Mt. Vernon Rec Center. Ribbon Cutting January 18 at 11:30 am.
2. Garden Plots: Contractors for water & construction of boxes have been selected.
3. Lauren Hill Central Green Restroom project will be bid in the next couple days, with almost all permits issued.

Q1: Who is the main POC for Overlook Ridge Park?

A1: Aimee Vosper (formerly Kirsten Munz).

Q2: You recently mentioned PROSA in an article. What is it and how will you include the community?

A2: PROSA: Planning process that emphasizes community inclusion/input. More to come on this next month.

Q3: Request from Nancy Wilochka & Bob Stevens for a portable restroom at the equestrian center/ cyclist lot. There has never been one there, and there is a need for one year-round, or at least seasonally.

Q3: Linwood will look into it and have an answer next month.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

E. State Senator Scott Surovell - presented by Dalton Bisson

South County Town Hall Feb 4 from 9-11am at South County High School. Contact information for the Senator: scotturovell.org, 804-698-7536, district36@senate.virginia.gov or dbisson@senate.virginia.gov

F. State Delegate Kathy Tran- presented by Ben Hermerding

Mr. Hermerding greeted the members and reminded the membership that new district maps will not go into effect until the next election.

1. Short year General Assembly session will run through February 25.
2. Bill Delegate Tran is carrying this year include ability for School Boards to set speed limit in school zones, 24-hour notice before electric utility providers terminate power for planned outages, proper notification to owners that a property resides within an RPA (resource protection area).
3. Contact information: (703) 539-2066 and delktran@house.virginia.gov

Q1: Mr. Dale Rumberger: Concern that power grid may not be sufficient given recent reports that Noman Cole had to use diesel backup to lessen burden on the power grid.

G. State Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn - presented by Tyler Javonillo

Mr. Javonillo greeted the members and noted that Delegate Filler-Corn has largely focused on transportation and education.

1. Contact information: Tyler@EileenFillerCorn.Com ; 571-249-3453

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H. Education – Wendy Henley, Chair

Special guest, South County Principal Dr. Kambar Khoshaba reported students are rebounding with a focus on academics/ making up for “unfinished” learning during COVID. School culture is well established. Doubled down on student relationships to ensure studies are in class and on time. Additional notable topics:

1. South County High School Achievements
 - a) Football. Won Patriot District
 - b) Golf. Third in the State
 - c) Music. Orchestra played at the Virginia Music Educators Association State Conference
 - d) Theatre. Fall Play was well received by the community and a great performance.
2. Areas of Focus
 - a) Ensuring students have a trusted adult/relationship building
 - b) Working with other leaders in South County to tackle issues academically & behaviorally
 - c) Social & emotional needs of students
 - d) Staff morale & retention
 - e) Drug issues (specifically Fentanyl)
3. Vision for education at South County High this year
 - a) Relationships
 - b) Equity & Fairness
 - c) Stakeholder Involvement in Decision Making

Q1: Is there anything that SCF, the Chamber or Storck’s office to provide support?

A1: The graduation party – while donations are always needed, volunteers are really top of mind. PTSO President Ann Wilkie is the POC for anyone interested in assisting. pres@southcountyppto.org.

I. Transportation- Peter Weyland, Co-Chair; Dale Rumberger, Co-Chair

Mr. Weyland greeted the members and presented items 1-3 below. Mr. Rumberger greeted the members and presented item 4.

1. Amtrak. Traffic study completed & internal parties are currently reviewing recommendations prior to implementation. Message board (for queuing and information) has been ordered will be delivered by the end of the month.
2. I-95 Transurban Hot Lanes: Chairman McKay has inquired about the potential to run the hot lanes 24/7 both North & South. <https://www.virginiamercury.com/2023/01/04/virginia-reviewing-potential-of-two-way-i-95-express-lanes/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f1882cfd-d17b-4444-8aa0-f0736c2425aa>
3. Lorton Station Boulevard. At the urging of the Fairfax Alliance for Bike Safety and Fairfax Families for Safe Streets, SCF is requesting FCDOT and VDOT revisit the 2019 road diet proposal following the pedestrian death trying to cross 4-wide lanes with no cross walk. FCDOT has indicated that it is studying the opportunity to add additional crosswalk markings near the VRE and are requested community feedback at this time.
4. Rt. 123 Traffic Study Update – Town Hall meeting revealed there was a VDOT analysis of 123. There were concerns about it being deemed a high-speed corridor, resulting in very high speeds of 55 mph. While the meeting was well intentioned, there were no satisfying solutions proposed/presented. Delegate Tran’s office has requested they consider alternatives beyond lowering the speed limit. SCF has also requested consideration by Senator Surovell.

Q1: Gaye Stafford: I'm directly affected by the new turn lane on 123 and wanted to make note that it will continue to be an issue due to the fact that people are just not moving over as necessary. There is still a lot of work to be done.

A1: Every comment VDOT receives helps highlight the problem. Concerns for VDOT can be filed here: <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov>

J. Public Safety- Jonathan Kiell, Chair

Mr. Kiell gave the following update.

1. The Mason Neck fire response took about 9 minutes, with Fire Station 20 arriving first on-scene to a house that was fully engulfed around 2:30 am. Over 20 units ultimately responded with support. While the house was a total loss, there was no loss of life.
2. Reminder that candles and heaters cannot be left on unattended, as they pose a fire risk.
3. There are plans to replace Fire Station 20 and is still in the early stages, with an estimated opening in 2026.
4. Police Station & Animal Shelter is anticipated this summer.
5. There is a firearm and ammunition surrender program in Fairfax County. More details: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/servicesah/disposalunwantedfirearmsammunition. Do not bring firearms or ammunition into the police station, rather call non-emergency line.
6. SCF is currently covered by the Franconia and West Springfield Police department. The Franconia police department puts out a monthly report that residents can sign up for here: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/district/franconia
7. Kite Fighting continues to be an issue in Fairfax County. Currently the Bureau of Land Management does not have a prohibition on kites, but it could be a consideration in the future.

K. Land Use- Nick Firth and Keith Shovlin, Co-Chairs

Mr. Shovlin presented the following.

1. Panera is finally open.
2. New Districting maps were presented. Map presentation can be found on the SCF website and other relevant links can be found below
 - a) My Neighborhood link: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/myneighborhood/>
 - b) Raw data for redistricting: <https://www.virginiaredistricting.org/legdistricting/comments/plan/548/1>
 - c) Final redistricting order (links to all new maps at bottom): https://www.vacourts.gov/courts/scv/districting/redistricting_final.pdf
 - d) Other map tools for new districts overlaid with current Fairfax County precincts: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/2/viewer?mid=13LSDMJ9fxyPYLC5ZZonr1E9Rm42T-rpo&ll=38.83071369907408%2C-77.2477855020354&z=11>

L. Environmental & Parks- Larry Clark and Dale Rumberger, Co-Chairs

Report will be held for February due to the late hour of the meeting.

M. Education- Wendy Henley, Chair

Ms. Henley had nothing further to add to what Ms. Corbett-Sanders and Ms. Cohen presented.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS: None.**

2023 MEETINGS: February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, no August meeting, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.