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Minutes of the May 22, 2013 meeting

Attendees: Peg Beck, David Shaw, Dorinda Danneman, Tony Fracasso, Piero Marinucci, Pete Jervey

The agenda was approved, introductions were made, and the minutes of the April 22 meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report announced a balance of \$280 with no expenses. 14 paid members: 8 individuals, 4 associations, and 2 businesses. (4 additional members paid dues at the meeting: 3 individuals and 1 association, bringing total paid members to 18.) An application form is available on the website with the Treasurer's mailing address.

Nominations were opened. David Shaw for President, John Bogasky for Second Vice President. The offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and First Vice President have no nominees. Nominations remain open until the election at the June 24 meeting. Paid members may nominate themselves for office.

We welcomed School Board President Christopher Barclay to our meeting. He described the state of the schools with a focus on the Exchange area. He stated that this was the second time he has served as president of the School Board. The first time was during 2010-2011.

The Glenallan Elementary School will be a LEED Certified School. (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) This will cost more but the cost will be recovered by reduced expenses in a few years. The school will have grades K-5.

The political issue with the county council is a money issue. With a \$2.2 billion budget for the schools there is \$15 thousand per pupil. (This implies a student population of 146,667. Estimates from 2009 for the 2013-2014 year are 146,048).

Two years ago, the council reduced funding by \$200 per pupil. Now the maintenance of effort principle requires the county to sustain the funding per pupil at least at the level of the previous year.

The student population is increasing beginning with the lower grades. (The overall rates of increase estimated in 2009 are for 2013-2014 2%, for 2014-2015 1.7%, for 2015-2016 1.4%.)

The enrollment at Bethesda elementary schools is increasing rapidly. This increase will affect the higher grades in time.

Pete Jervey expressed an interest in a booster club at Kennedy HS.

The issue of the Aspen Hill rezoning and Wal-Mart was then discussed. It was proposed that the Exchange should get a schedule for public hearings dealing with Aspen Hill and get on notification lists that announce these events.

Next Meeting June 24. (previously misreported as June 17.) A sample ballot will be emailed to all paid members one week before the election.