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Representatives Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Matt Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM

Alden English made a motion to accept the Agenda for the January 14, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Amendments were made for the December 10, 2019 meeting. On page 1, under State Senator Craig Zucker's presentation, the 3rd bullet, should read, "Bill Ferguson is the new President of the Maryland General Assembly Senate." The 8th bullet of the same section should read, "Districts 14 and 19 will focus on capital money for local treasures, including the Olney Theatre and the Sandy Spring Museum." A motion was made by Paul Jarosinski to approve the December minutes with the two amendments. The motion was seconded and passed.

GOCA representatives, alternates, invited guests, and members of the public introduced themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Paul Jarosinski has the petition for a group called Nine Districts for MOCO to get an initiative on the 2020 ballot in Montgomery County proposing changing the representation of the County Council from nine members comprised of five District and four At-Large Representatives to nine District Representatives (eliminating the At-Large Representatives)
- GOCA will begin to hold its regular meetings at the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department in the Oak Room starting at the February meeting

MARYLAND DELEGATE BONNIE CULLISON (DISTRICT 19)

Delegate Cullison spoke about available technology for following legislation:

- local bills can be tracked for Montgomery County or Montgomery and Prince George's County
- they are listed on the Montgomery County Delegation website:
<http://www.montgomerycountydelegation.com/legislation.html>
- local hearings and work sessions are available

Maryland General Assembly website has various options:

- <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite>
- live streaming sessions from the floor
- can also go back and see previous sessions

- can watch all committee hearings
- can track bills
- can get in touch with any delegate

The biggest issue this year is education:

- taking recommendations from the Kirwan Commission
- plan to increase opportunities for Pre-K
- more career and technology education
- better professional development, salary incentives

How to pay for these educational goals:

- will be phased in
- no big increase in property or sales tax being explored
- 1% added to Capital Gains Tax
- school construction will be taken up as a separate bill

Other bills:

- end of life option; passed the House last year, but not the Senate
- increase the penalties for hate crimes
- plastic bags may be banned statewide
- no tax on diapers
- add an Early Voting site, probably in the White Oak area
- historically black colleges have never been fully granted; money promised to go to the colleges
- hope to override the Governor's veto on sustaining oyster fields in the Chesapeake Bay
- the clean energy act

How the budget works:

- Governor sets the budget
- legislators not allowed to add to the budget
- can make some changes within categories, but can't transfer money from one category to another

Pharmaceutical Drug Affordability Board:

- plan to look at expensive pharmaceuticals
- profits are high
- Maryland may cap what it will pay for a given drug (for Maryland State employees)
- these measures may force drug companies to look at and adjust what they charge for certain pharmaceuticals

Delegate Cullison's personal goals:

- she has spent the last six years working on expanding school based health services
- certain schools have small medical centers that are like a walk-in clinics providing a variety of services
- most have a nurse practitioner heading the clinic

SPORTS OFFICIALS HARASSMENT LEGISLATION

Barbara Falcigno spoke about proposed legislation:

- sports officials are frequently harassed and sometimes assaulted (verbally and physically)
- proposed legislation to try to do something about it by increasing penalties

UNDERSTANDING OUR TRASH/RECYCLING SYSTEM

Paul Jarosinsky spoke about changes proposed by the County Council regarding trash pick-up:

- offering some different options
- 55 page report at:
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OLO/Resources/Files/2019%20Reports/OLORReport2019-17.pdf>
- The Transportation and Environment Committee will be holding a hearing on February 6th. at 10:00 AM at the Council Office Building in Rockville and it will be open to the public

Carolyn Knight spoke about trash and recycling as it currently exists:

- no landfills in Montgomery County
- still burning trash at Dickerson; it generates electricity
- we need to pay attention to legislation
- need to get educated
- Montgomery County website has information about recycling
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/programs/>

NOMINATIONS AND GOCA AWARDS

Slate of GOCA Officers for 2020:

- Matt Quinn, President
- Hilary Phillips-Rogers, Executive Vice-President
- David Miller, 1st Vice President
- Curtis Chappell, 2nd Vice President
- Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary
- Bob Hambrecht, Treasurer
- Ryan Martin, Correspondence Secretary (may change title to Communications Secretary)

There were no nominations from the floor. Ed Weisel made a motion to accept the slate of Officers. It was seconded and unanimously accepted. Elections will be at the February meeting.

GOCA Awards:

- Hilary Phillips-Rogers and Carol Frenkel are working on soliciting nominations for GOCA Awards
- Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2020
- Awards Ceremony will be March 15, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 PM at Good Counsel High School

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – reminder that it is membership time

No new Business

A motion was made by Conrad Hocking to adjourn at 9:25 PM. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

The next meeting of GOCA Officers will be on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Olney Library.

The next regular Representatives Meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 7:30-9:00 PM at the Sandy Spring Fire Station in the Oak Room.**

Respectfully submitted
Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

GOCA Officers

Matt Quinn, President – Cherrywood; David Miller, Executive Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; Hilary Phillips-Rogers, 2nd Vice President –Victoria Springs; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill

GOCA Representatives and Alternates

Paul Jarosinski (Cherrywood), Conrad Hocking (Lake Hallowell), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Jay Fineberg (Olney Oaks), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Curtis Chappell (Olney Square), Alden English (SEROCA)

Public

Barbara Falcigno (Olney Oaks), Bonnie Cullison (Maryland General Assembly, District 19), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Ira Ungar (Representing Bonnie Cullison, District 19)