**BDC Legislative Event Report**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

**7 p.m. at Braddock Hall**

Meeting opened at 7:10 p.m. --Welcome by Bob Cosgriff.

Eight speakers: Senator Richard Saslaw, Board of Supervisors Chair Jeff McKay, Supervisor James Walkinshaw, School Board Megan McLaughlin, School Board Rachna Sizemore, Delegate Vivian Watts, Senator Dave Marsden, Delegate Kathy Tran

**Bob Cosgriff reports**: We had eight elected officials there: Senators Saslaw and Marsden, Delegates Watts and Tran, School Board members McLaughlin and Sizemore-Heizer, Chairman McKay, and Supervisor Walkinshaw. All of them gave excellent insights into the issues they are dealing with. Many of the issues are not easy ones. It's clear that they are all very dedicated and working very hard on the behalf of their constituents.

Seventeen associations were represented (counting those where ExComm members reside): Canterbury Woods (2), Somerset South (2), Burke Center Trustees, Woodwalk, Hickory Farms (2), North Springfield, Red Fox Forest, Country Club View, Chapel Square, Middleridge, Stone Haven, Oak Hill, Burke Cove, Wakefield, Old Forge/Surrey Square, Carrleigh Parkway, Bonnie Brae.

**Kevin Morse: Treasurer’s Report** (May17, 2023)

Truist Bank balance January 31,2023: **$3,276.03**

BDC dues received (JAN – APR): $444.00 (Weston Hills, Old Forge, Bonnie Brae, Fairfax Villa, and Truo)

Truist Bank withdrawals (JAN – APR): $0.00

Truist Bank balance April 28, 2023: **$3,720.03**

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Truist Bank balance May 17: $3,820.03 (2 Dues Received $125: Woodbury Woods $25 and North Springfield CA $100 and 1 Withdrawal: $25.00 SCC Annual Fee)

2021 – 2022 Paid Members: 24 Dues Received: $1,419 ($100 KPCA applied to 2023 -2024)

**Jim Owendoff (Wakefield) recalls:**

Just a few highlights:

- tough decisions on the county budget with 80% going to salaries and made the decision to provide increases considering inflation and competition

- affordable housing is the number one issue in being able to attract workers for the 120,000 open jobs in the county

- metro will have a $400M deficit next year and the county has to support VA share while MD and DC have central funding

- putting more emphasis on mental health services for kids and adults

- quite a discussion on taxes and funding for highways

- tough attracting teachers despite very competitive compensations

- interesting discussion on benefits of a two-term governor vs 6-year term

- reflections on how recent governors have used the position as a stepping stone for national office vs a focus on long-term vision for VA

- competing drivers from other parts of the state for resources

- VA now has some of the best port facilities in the country

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.