Sandy Spring Civic Association

Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

(Meeting Virtually by Zoom during Covid-19 Pandemic)

March 14, 2022 (by Zoom, for 22nd meeting in a row)

**Attendance**:

Board Members – Dr. Daryl Thorne, President; Basile “Whit” Whitaker, Vice President; Christine Hill Wilson, Treasurer; Douglas Farquhar, Recording and Correspondence Secretary

General body – approximately 7

Guests: Judy Hruz, Greater Olney Community News

Attendance Total (approximate): 12

**Meeting called to order**: 6:39 p.m. by Daryl

Minutes from the February 2022 meeting were approved, with a correction.

Christine delivered the Treasurer’s Report, attached.

Under Committee Reports, Paula Glendenning spoke on behalf of the Voter Education Committee. She said that a representative of the Montgomery County League of Women Voters is scheduled to address the SSCA April meeting about how to get out the vote. Paula said that the Committee would also attempt to reach out to Sherwood High School to coordinate attempts to register students eligible to vote in the next primary and election.

Christine mention that one application had been received for the SSCA scholarship.

In announcements, it was mentioned that the Sherwood High School Rock and Roll Revival had been revived (after a brief lapse caused by COVID) the previous weekend, and it was well-attended and impressive.

We discussed the ongoing series of SSCA/Ashton Alliance Candidates’ Forums, and agreed that the remaining Forums would be focused on candidates for the new District 7 County Council seat. Four candidates were confirmed for the following forum: Andrew Einsmann, Dawn Luedtke, Jacqueline Manger, and Paul Schwartz. Whit mentioned that a fifth candidate, Paul Geller, had filed, but that he had not asked to attend the forum sufficiently in advance, and it was agreed that we could not handle more than four candidates at one time.

Inquiries were made about trying to support relief for Ukranians victimized by Russia’s invasion.

There was no word yet on the composition of the Ashton Implementation Advisory Committee that is required by the new Ashton Village Center Sector Plan.

As an update, we were informed that the project for the senior living renovation of the Moore and Stabler Buildings is underway at the sites of the former Montgomery Insurance Company buildings.

Several people complained about the signage at the former Sandy Spring Store, now a site for psychic consultations and purchase of materials for vaping. Several members noted that the signs in the windows were exceedingly bright, and inconsistent with a small, rural village. No solution was arrived at in terms of seeking that the lights be turned off or turned down at night.

The meeting was adjourned at about 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Farquhar,

Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Approved: May \_\_, 2022