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# Marshall Minute

**February 2017**

**7:30pm on Tuesday  
February 14, 2017**

**Our featured speakers:**

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sung to songs made famous by Nat  
King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Bobby  
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**7-9:30 pm Saturday, February 11th  
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**January 10, 2017 Meeting Notes**

**President Chris Robinson** called the meeting to order at about 7:30pm.

**Marshall District Supervisor Mary Leigh McDaniel** updated the group on the status for Marshall's Main Street project. She has met with some Main Street businesses and wants to meet with more of those businesses that will be impacted by the project. Mary Leigh explained that everyone is welcome to give their input, and that email is a very important way to communicate. They are trying to get ahead of communication issues now by having a list of those on Main Street, in order to avoid this project becoming like the project in Middleburg. Additionally, the County is trying to get a part-time office for a County employee so that there is someone who the community can talk with face-to-face. The County's goal is to get this project done as quickly and safely as possible, with the least amount of impact on the community. There is no projected timeframe yet, as there has been a five month delay with a construction company. The absolute earliest that this project could begin is in June of 2017. The construction period will last between six and seven months. Some of the sidewalks on Main Street will be brick, some will be printed concrete, and some will be concrete. As for right now, Mary Leigh is trying to get a pedestrian walkway painted in the middle of the block, near the post office. Funding for the Main Street project comes from different sources. Mary Leigh explained that these include 1) a series of grants that the County applies for, 2) a small tax that the community agreed to and which will start once construction starts (this will raise \$600,000), and 3) proffers from Van Metre. The project itself is in phases. For example, the eastern part is from BB&T to Old Stockyard Road. Lastly, Mary Leigh congratulated Ursula Baxley on receiving the Marshall District Citizen of the Year Award! Mary Leigh also attended the first annual Sheriff's Department Award Ceremony. She said that Sheriff Bob Mosier did a great job recognizing all the work that people do, and the ceremony was amazing.

**Linda Suter** announced the Regional Science Fair is coming up on March 11th for the Senior Division and April 29th for the Junior Division. Marshall Middle School has their science fair before the regional one, and the school has a population of students who are on welfare lunches. They are in need of supplies, poster boards, and pizza. Whether you can give \$25, \$50, any amount, all money donated to the fair goes to the kids and is very helpful. Checks can be made payable to Marshall Middle School Science Fair, Ashley Bringenberg, 4048 Zulla Road, The Plains, VA 20198.

**School Board Member Duke Bland** gave an update on Warrenton and Taylor Middle Schools. 64% agreed to consolidate onto the existing site. The School Board has not taken a stance yet. There will be two more meetings in January with the Superintendent and consulting group, and with a liaison committee who will discuss the report. Estimated cost for a new consolidated middle school for 1000 students is \$55.3 million. Cost for a 900-student consolidated school and a 300-student addition at Auburn Middle School would be \$61.4 million. Duke reiterated that the School Board has not yet made up their minds. It's great having a cross section of people, and he encourages everyone to give their input. Lastly, a limited number of hard copies of the Superintendent Annual Report are available at the Marshall Library, and copies of the report can be found online at [www.fcps1.org/Page/395](http://www.fcps1.org/Page/395).

**Duke** then introduced our speaker of the night, **Rosanne Williamson, Director of Mountain Vista Governor's School**. Rosanne explained that many students in the 6th grade at Marshall Middle School end up attending MVGS, two of whom are here tonight. MVGS is one of 19 Governor's Schools throughout Virginia, and is housed in Lord Fairfax Community College. It is one school with two different sites, has a joint governing board, and is chartered by the state's Department of Education, but is governed locally. MVGS is a STEM school, and is a half-day program in which students go in the morning and then return to their base schools for the second half of the day. MVGS's Mission is to provide an option for high-achieving high school students in our community. They provide smooth transitions into college because the courses give students college credit and are the same rigor of college but while students are still at home with their families. Goal is to have a collaborative school with interdisciplinary courses, such as physics, calculus, and a humanities class. This class binds things together because it is an introduction to philosophy and takes the place of English and Government in high school. MVGS develops leadership and producers of knowledge. They had 207 students this year, with 105 at each campus. Next year they will have 210 students. Just this last year there were 127 applicants for 32 available slots. When MVGS opened in 2007, their goal was to be a 9th-12th grade school; however, 2007 was not a good year to add programs.

Now ten years later, MVGS has added 10th grade to their program. 100% of MVGS alumni went on to higher education. 75% attended colleges in Virginia, including 30% to UVa, 16% to VA Tech, and 8% to William and Mary. 25% of MVGS alumni attended out of state colleges, up from 16%. Rosanne explained that the faculty at MVGS is fantastic. They have 12 full-time faculty who are also credentialed to teach as adjunct community college professors. MVGS curriculum consists of science, mathematics, humanities, and research. Most courses are preparation for taking AP tests. the 10th grade program gets everyone on the same page and up to speed. At the end of that program, students choose between two strands to follow: Physics/Engineering, or Biology/Life Sciences. The highest physics course is multi-variable calculus. Electives have also been added for 11th and 12th graders and include psychology, ecology, and two levels of computer science. Additionally, all students are required to submit their projects to a juried science fair. MVGS's research program is in three parts: 1) methodology class, 2) students conduct independent research, and 3) the students complete their independent capstone research project. This third component is new, so MVGS 10th graders will be the first to go through it. The MVGS schedule is 7:30-11am. Wednesdays are their Flex Day, and once a month PTO provides breakfast. Classes are M/TH and Tu/Fri, much like a college schedule. MVGS's partner is LFCC, which offers 20 courses for dual-enrollment credit, resulting in students sometimes entering college with upwards of 50 credits. MVGS Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, and raised over \$300,000 in 2010. They receive \$65,000 in textbooks and buses from the PATH Foundation. Rosanne also announced that VCU will give MVGS a \$6,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, for a student to study engineering/computer sciences. Meeting was adjourned with the Pledge of Allegiance at about 8:30pm. Minutes by **Mary-Elizabeth Wilkerson, Secretary**.

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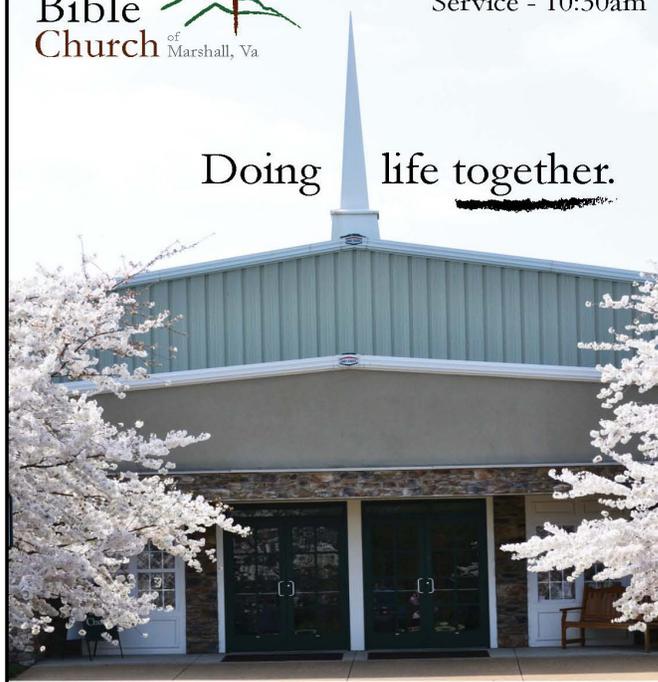
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